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Woodstock bows out of passenger rail effort; others 'stay the course'

BY ALISON ALOISIO

"I'm very disillusioned with it, quite frankly. It's not going to come in our lifetime."

With those comments at the last Woodstock selectmen's meeting, Town Manager Vern Maxfield and the board agreed he should end his role as a member of the Androscoggin Oxford Coos Counties Corridor Committee, which is seeking to return passenger rail service to the Bethel area and beyond to Montreal.

Maxfield, who said he has been attending "about every other meeting" of the panel, said the effort seems to be "pie in the sky. From my perspective, it's a waste of my time. I don't think it's going

to happen. They've been promoting it as though it's going to make money, and no passenger rail has ever made money in the U.S."

He also said the effort is being promoted with the idea that "people who stay in Auburn a week or so are going to take the train to Sunday River. That's not going to happen. They're going to go on their schedule, not the train's schedule."

Selectman Rick Young agreed. "They didn't do it before," he said, referring to Sunday River's ski train project of 20 years ago, which had anticipated eventual rail service to Montreal, but ended after two years when that did not materialize.

Young also noted that taxpayers have to subsidize Amtrak train service.

Of any potential future train service through here, Selectman Ron Deegan said, "I'd ride it one time just to say I rode on it. That's it."

Maxfield also said passenger rail supporters "want to tie the [Oxford] casino to it. Then you've got to have a shuttle from the casino to the train station."

Young and Deegan supported Maxfield bowing out of service on the committee.

"I say put your time somewhere else," said Deegan.

RECENT LEGISLATION
The AOCOC dates back to Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce discussions be-

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DR. SEUSS AT WES-The Woodstock Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss Spirit Week last week. Each day had a designated theme. Here, Atalie Campbell shows off her "Cat in the Hat" whiskers. For more photos, see Page 9.

Pam House

A life preserved in pictures: Nettie Cummings Maxim

BY AMY CHAPMAN

More than a century ago, a Bethel farm girl who rarely traveled more than a few miles from her home acquired a camera, found her artistic calling, and created an exceptional body of work.

Her photography survives today as a testament to her creativity and talent and as an invaluable historic record of her life and times in rural Maine.

Nettie Cummings Maxim was born, raised, and lived out her life on a farm on Bird Hill, a mile or so outside the

village of Locke's Mills. Married at 17, she remained on the family farm with her husband, and had three children by the time she was 21.

Like all farm wives of her time, her life revolved around childcare, preserving the farm's bounty, sewing her family's clothing, cooking for them and for the many hired hands, and countless other chores. She died tragically young, at 33, in the same farmhouse in which she was born.

It could have been an unremarkable life. Except for her children and their descen-

dants, there might have been little left behind to show that Nettie Maxim ever existed, had it not been for her discovery, early in life, of the passion that resulted in an enduring legacy.

In 1895, while still in her teens, she acquired her first camera, and for the next 15 years, she managed to carve time out of her busy schedule to create thousands of images depicting rural and small-town life at the turn of the 20th century.

More than a casual hobby
Within a few years, Nettie graduated from her one-and-a-half-inch by two-inch format starter camera to

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Does Newry need more parking?

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Should Newry expand parking at the Grange Hall and provide it on the Sunday River Road?

That question was posed to selectmen Monday by resident Gary Drown, who cited overflow parking on Route 26 at last month's Town Meeting, and congested parking by the Artists Covered Bridge during weddings.

"When we went to Town Meeting we ended up parking on 26," he said. "I don't

know how much land the town owns, that the parking lot could be expanded. If that continues, we're going to need a bigger parking lot."

On the Sunday River Road, Drown noted two scenarios.

He said the Mountain Explorer bus service would come as far as Powder Ridge if there was a place to turn around.

And, he said, "We have a lot of weddings at the covered bridge. The Sunday River trolley parks near the covered bridge. That's a pretty

wide vehicle that takes up a lot of room, so when you have the trolley on one side and cars on the other, it presents somewhat of a problem."

He wondered if the town would consider buying land for a lot, possibly at the foot of Douglass Road. "That would be a good place for the shuttle to park, as well as the Mountain Explorer. People could also come from Nordic Knoll and park and use the shuttle," he said.

"My knee jerk reaction is it wouldn't be very well received, because land over there is pretty expensive," said Selectman Wendy Hanscom.

Drown said that while lots at Sunday River are expensive, he thought the town could get space at the potential parking location for less.

Selectman Jim Largess was also skeptical. "My initial reaction is I don't know that that is something we need, but that's not thought out. You said it three minutes ago."

Replied Drown, "You can form a committee and take 10 years to look at it if you want. That's the way things seem to run in this town. We form a committee and we look at it for a year. We raise money and then we do something else in the third year. Or we can do things and get something done."

Said Hanscom, "There's no making everyone happy, because for the last few years, you know, when we didn't have a committee, nobody was happy. I don't know what to tell you."

Largess told Drown, "You have every right to ask the

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Sunday River Food and Beverage aims for happy customers

BY SCOTT ANDREWS, SPECIAL TO THE CITIZEN

Forget about the stale sandwiches, leathery hamburgers and soggy French fries. They're history - unhappy history.

Fortunately for today's snowsports enthusiasts, those unhappy memories of ski lodge cafeterias have gone the way of T-bars, lace-up boots and long thongs - at least at the leading resorts in the U.S.

Vastly improved quality plus a vast array of choices in food and beverage is the new normal at ski resorts across the U.S., and it's part of an increasing change of focus toward creating positive overall experiences - versus narrowly emphasizing on-hill operations.

That's the industry's new mantra, according to Michael Berry, the longtime executive director of the National Ski Areas Association. Based in Colorado, NSAA is

a non-profit trade association that represents virtually all the industry's leaders. These include Sunday River, Sugarloaf and all the other ski areas owned by their parent company, Boyne Resorts.

Berry notes that in recent decades, the ski industry has made huge improvements in what he calls "the uphill-downhill experience" - meaning lifts, trails, snowmaking, grooming and other functions that fall under the operations rubric. High-speed chairlifts and enhancements to snowmaking and trail grooming have made the uphill-downhill experience more enjoyable for the industry's millions of customers.

Making similar enhancements to the hospitality side of the business is the industry's necessary next step, according to Berry. It's key to enticing those customers to return - and keep returning year after year.

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AEROSMITH DRUMMER TAKES A COFFEE BREAK IN BETHEL-A coffee fanatic since his early teens, Aerosmith drummer Joey Kramer created and founded Rockin' & Roastin', an organic certified coffee line, in 2012 to fulfill his second lifelong dream: to be an entrepreneur. He chose coffee because he said, he had "not been able to find a decent cup of coffee in 40 years of concert tours." The coffee is available in 3,000 locations nationwide, including restaurants, lodging places, colleges, grocery stores, etc. Taking a break from touring with his band, last week Kramer came to Maine and Bethel to meet with businesses that serve his coffee. One of those in Bethel is the Bethel Inn. He is shown here (front center) with some of the staff at the inn. Other scheduled stops here included the Bethel Foodliner, 22 Broad Street, Black Diamond Steakhouse and Sunday River Brew Pub, "I do coffee the same as I do music," said Kramer. "It makes people happy." The coffees are from his favorite coffee regions of the world: Ethiopia, Guatemala and Sumatra.

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Letters

A COMMUNITY AT ITS FINEST

To the Editor:

Thank you to all the firemen, officials, contractors and neighbors who worked together to fight the fire at our house on North Pond last week.

Six departments, led by Chief Kyle Hopps of Woodstock quickly stopped the fire in a few hours Wednesday night then fought it over the next two days. The quick work and constant vigilance by Woodstock, Greenwood, Bethel, Newry, Rumford and West Paris Departments gave us a chance to retrieve a few precious items and determine cause. Special deliveries of coffee and donuts, homemade sandwiches and cookies, and an excavator made it possible for the firemen to remain strong and safe. For us, the heartfelt wishes and care shown to everyone meant that while we suffered a loss, we were with good people who care – and that has made all the difference.

With gratitude and admiration for the spirit and strength of all of the firefighters and of this remarkable community, the Scopinich and Burel Families.

Kris Scopinich
Lincoln, Mass.

FAMILY FUN DAY IN ANDOVER

To the Editor:

I'm getting so excited about the New School in Andover. Of course, the people of Andover have some concerns and many have doubts and don't even support the whole vision of this stand-alone school. But I do. John and I came here right out of college, the University of Maine at Farmington, to teach in this small school which we fell in love with immediately. I had been to Andover before as a 7th grader on a field trip to the Telstar Satellite Station. Who knew all those years later I'd be coming for my first job interview! John and I remember arriving just off Route 120 to the hill by the Merrill House and almost gasping for the beauty of our first look at Andover. Andover Elementary School was going through some big changes then too. The year before we arrived four elderly teachers retired and were replaced by four new teachers just graduating from college. John and I were to replace two more retiring teachers the next year. What a shift for the student to adjust to. Just the youngest teacher of the old guard, Joyce Morgan, was staying on. It was a good thing for us to have Joyce's wisdom to tap into. John ended up not being hired that year, because he had to go to Basic Training for Army Reserve. The person who was supposed to be filling in for him was working out so well they decided to hire her. He did substitute in Andover and Bethel and ended up taking a job in Bethel and stayed for five years, before coming to Andover to finish his career after 35 years. I didn't last so long, as we started a family the next September and I wanted to be with my children as they were growing. I never went back as fulltime teacher, but I did just about every job going at the school for both children and adults. I did some long term substitutions, one for Joyce, at the tragic loss of her daughter, Faith, who babysat for our two boys. I remember that as being a very difficult time, as the students really didn't want me there under those circumstances and wanted to know their teacher was okay. It was a combined classroom of 5th graders and half of the 4th grade class. I had my hands full. I ran a pretty tight ship, but I remember one day that things got a little out of control. And of course, it was the day that the Curriculum Coordinator was there. It was a party day and we were going to have a bubble gum bubble contest. It wasn't long after I had handed out the gum and kids were chewing that I felt something hit my head and thought someone had thrown something and I just couldn't believe it! Well, as it turns out, Ricky Gilks had blown his gum across the room trying to blow his first bubble. What are the chances it would hit me in the forehead? The whole class erupted with enough laughter to rock the school and I lost it in laughter with them, it was a wonderful release of tension for us all. The Curriculum Coordinator looked into my classroom with a questioning look and left the building. Gary Williamson, of Four Seasons Realty, was also in that classroom filled with lots of "energetic" boys. A couple of years ago John and I were dancing at the Millbrook Tavern in Bethel, and Gary came up to me and apologized for being such a problem for me that year. I just couldn't believe that he still had any thoughts of those years, almost 40 years ago; maybe being a Dad to his own boys had something to do with it!

Today, we are working with the children of our former students and seeing those former students on the school board and in other official offices around town. John and I have had quite a run of it here in Andover. When you come to a small town as young teachers, you are taken in and known pretty quickly. We both want to give back to this wonderful, caring community. In that vein, I am planning a fundraiser for a future Dynamic, Thriving Arts Program on May 1 and 2. Friday's events will consist of a spaghetti supper, dance and possibly the coming out of my comedic and lip-synch career, which may be very short lived! Saturday, May 2 will be a Family Fun Day, involving many events for the families and children to participate in. The day will start around 10 a.m., finish around 2, and include a free cookout lunch for Andover residents. As always, any donations will be very much appreciated! Hope to see you there.

Carol Emery
Andover

EQUITY IN TOWN SERVICES

To the Editor:

During my tenure as Selectman I struggled to determine the details within our solid waste agreements with both the local tri-town transfer station board and the Oxford County Recycling Board as to what the actual tonnage generated within the Town of Newry; I am still perplexed as to the method our town is assessed which determines the fees we pay compared to the actual amount of people who use our regional transfer station. I have heard multiple explanations on how our trash is being paid for and who pays for what. The bottom line I have been told is that Newry pays for all trash generated in Town.

I have been told that the subdivisions and businesses that have their own dumpsters pay for the actual dumpsters and the Town pays for the hauling and tipping fees.

It has come to my attention that there are inconsistencies in the facts as they have been discovered.

It seems to be that the only organization that benefits from this arrangement is the Sunday River Ski Resort and the properties that they manage.

Other businesses and subdivisions in town pay for all aspects of their trash. From the containers to the trucking and tipping fees the businesses and homeowner associations pay their own way.

Local services such as this should provide equal benefits to all taxpayers and not appear to show special favors. In the present arrangement the regional taxpayers are subsidizing the ski area's trash while making others that wish to have the convenience of a dumpster pay their own way.

I feel it is safe to conclude that no one really knows for certain the details of the waste stream in Newry.

It is time to evaluate this arrangement by doing a thorough inventory of the facts.

A line item in the town budget this large should not be hidden in so much mystery.

I would advise the Town of Newry to get its ducks in a row before it signs any inter local agreements concerning our solid waste. It's time to be responsible partners in this regional agreement by providing honest and accurate figures to go to the table with. The taxpayers in Newry are entitled to know the facts in what their tax dollars buy.

The time has come to generate an honest assessment of our actual usage at the transfer station as well as openly discuss and inventory all of the dumpsters that are located on private property to establish clear policies concerning who should pay for that convenience or to what extent.

Brooks Morton
Newry

GOVERNOR HIJACKING LMF FUNDS

To the Editor:

Governor LePage last week announced that he is "not interested in selling more bonds at this time."

This news was very hard to hear in our Western Maine communities. We had taken the Governor at his word in June 2013 when, after twice delaying Land for Maine's Future (LMF) bond funds, he finally said: "As a measure of good faith, I am hereby directing the State Treasurer to begin to prepare those bonds for my signature on an expedited basis."

The Governor's latest delay, again for an unrelated political issue, jeopardizes more than 36 active projects across the state representing 50,000 acres of conservation, recreation, forest and agricultural land. One of these LMF projects is our community's Crooked River Forests Project, which will protect 791 acres of working forestland and 3.5 miles of Crooked River shoreline in Harrison and Otisfield. The project is a collaborative effort between Loon Echo and Western Foothills land trusts which was started four years ago. The two nonprofits have invested a great deal of funds to advance the project to completion to meet LMF's requirements, and are now faced with additional unanticipated expenses due to delay. This project was to close this month but was abruptly halted after receiving notice from LMF that funds will not be made available at this time.

The Crooked River is the largest tributary into Sebago Lake contributing 40 percent of the inflow. Sebago Lake is the primary source of clean drinking water for 200,000 people who live or work in 11 communities in the greater Portland area. The river is also critical to the rural economies of our local communities around the lake. Tourism and fishing are the largest drivers of this economic activity with 35,000 angler trips last year alone. Sebago Lake hosts a world-renowned indigenous landlocked salmon population that spawns exclusively in the upper stretches of the Crooked River.

This important land conservation project is now at risk because the Governor is changing his mind, again. Both trusts were notified of our LMF award last July and have budgeted overall project fund raising accordingly. LMF funds are essential to our ability to close on the Crooked River Forests purchase. If you believe that land and water conservation and recreation are important to your quality of life, and contribute to our local economy, please reach out to your legislators to ask them to demand that the governor release the \$11.4 million in 60 percent voter-approved LMF funds.

Lee Dassler and Carrie Walla
Western Foothills Land Trust and Loon Echo Land Trust

SUPPORT THE SMILE FUND

To the Editor:

What does a smile mean to someone with poor or no teeth? What does it do for self-esteem for a job interview if a person is afraid to smile? How can a person chew and eat healthy foods without good teeth? How can someone have a comfortable relationship if he or she is afraid to even go outside their home, afraid someone will see their mouth?

These are the comments I have heard when an adult in this area applies for dentures through the Smile Fund. It is increasingly difficult for individuals without health insurance to get dental coverage or find someone to remove those rotten teeth. Insurances don't cover dentures. The program seeks adults who meet financial guidelines and are employed or seeking employment. Call the West Parish Congregational Church for an application (824-2669). All applications are confidential.

West Parish Congregational Church sponsors this free program, raising funds in the community through donations and a yard sale. This year the sale is Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All money raised goes directly to the Smile Fund.

It is spring. The sun is shining. I know there is still snow on the ground. But spring is coming and it is time to clean out your home and yard. Bring items (toys, tools, books, knick knacks, and gardening supplies) to the basement of the church afternoons from April 7-10.

Contact Jane Chandler, 357-3524, for more information.

Jane Chandler
Bryant Pond

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"We want to create products and experiences that are exceptional," says Berry. "We have made a significant effort in food services and we're seeing increasing quality and variety. Food has never been better at ski resorts. It's integral to the quality of the experience."

Sunday River is among the leaders in that very welcome revolution. The Newry resort also boasts one of the ski industry's biggest F&B operations, with two hotels, three base lodges and one high-mountain eatery spread across three miles of mountain.

Most of these venues serve breakfast and lunch, while others serve three meals per day. In the four food courts, traditional skier fare, such as deluxe burgers, chicken tenders and chili, are offered – and done with panache. But choices also include gourmet sandwich wraps, salad bars and Maine baked potatoes with a variety of toppings. Siftily sweet cinnamon rolls appeal to skiers' food fantasies, while gluten-free bakery options are available for the health-conscious. Most Sunday River eateries brew an artisanal coffee that's roasted in Kingfield.

During peak periods, Sunday River's F&B operation requires a team of 200-plus to make it work.

Since 1989 the team has

been led by Jim Largess, vice president of food and beverage. His team operates a total of 11 food outlets, which range from simple snack bars to top-tier restaurants. (In addition to those 11 venues that fall directly under Largess' supervision, four concessionaires offer specialty foods at Peak Lodge, Barker Mountain and South Ridge.)

Several venues also operate during the off-season; conferences, weddings and special events comprise a growing segment of Sunday River's overall business.

Unlike some of his contemporaries, Largess didn't start with professional culinary training. His 1990 degree from the University of Southern Maine was in criminal justice, but after a few years in that field he realized that a total career change was needed.

Stratton, one of Vermont's largest ski resorts, offered that change. After six years at Stratton, he grabbed the opportunity to return to Maine with an F&B position at Sunday River.

He understands that F&B is a supporting role. "Sunday River is all about the snow," says Largess, who spends most Wednesdays schussing the slopes. "We do snow right."

But if the customers come for the snow – the uphill-downhill experience in Ber-

ry's terminology – they need to be satisfied in other areas.

That's what's changed over the past couple of decades. "In the old days of skiing, eating the meal was an afterthought – just fuel to keep on going," adds Largess. "People today care a whole lot more about what they're eating and their expectations are much higher. People want good stuff."

Sunday River's food and beverage operation is now a major part of an overall focus on total experience. Superior performance in that facet of the business promotes the goal of increasing the frequency of customer visits.

"People come for the skiing and we want them to keep coming back and enjoying all the other stuff we have here," says Largess. "And that's hospitality. The overarching role of my position is hospitality. It's about making people feel welcome and giving them what they want, having a good time and being part of our place."

"People are happy to be here and it's nice to be around happy people," adds Largess. "I'm fortunate to be in a job where what we're trying to do every day is make people happy."

Success depends on teamwork, according to Largess. "Running a ski resort is a team sport," he says. "We don't do it alone. We do it together."

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Over 3.5 to 4 inches of rain fell in the area causing some flooding, and numerous washouts and sinkholes in roads.

About 90 members of the junior class at Telstar High School participated in the 22nd annual Career Week.

Births: Kyleigh Ann Graham, Selena Marie Ojeda, Molly Catherine Corbett, Jayden Brooke Mathias, Logan Patrick Martin.

Death: John R. Fox.

20 years ago: A dozen large pine trees in front of Warren and Nada Sessions' home were removed to make way for the widening of Route 26.

Bethel Selectmen were considering the option of a "pay by the bag" method of trash disposal, and held a meeting for residents to discuss and offer opinions on the idea.

Birth: Joseph McLean Bellman.

Deaths: Ronald B. Ross, Byron W. Joy, Barbara L. Olson.

30 years ago: Virginia Keniston, Bethel librarian since 1971, retired, and Betsy Raymond was named as her replacement.

WCBB-TV Channel 10 announced it hoped to erect at translator antenna on Bailey Hill, Bethel.

Birth: Lacy J. Mae Newell.

Deaths: Olive Searles, Allan C. Ring, Jonathan L. Crockett.

40 years ago: The Greenleaf Ambulance Service, founded by Dr. S.S. Greenleaf, was terminated after 40 years.

Anita Kimball, Alec Newell, Jody Kimball, and Dan Lamontagne were winners in the Bethel Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Birth: Justine Rebekah Lynch.

Deaths: Henry M. Sanderson, Nellie F. Cummings, Susie Smith.

50 years ago: Airman Donald Bachelder graduated from Aviation Fire Control Technician School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, Tenn.

Nancy Brown, daughter of Edwin and Musa Brown, won the Oxford County Spelling Bee.

Birth: Lily Poulin.

Deaths: Fred J. Lovejoy, Kenneth Brown Emery.

60 years ago: Telephone service in West Bethel, Northwest Bethel, Gilead and Mason was changed to the dial system by the Van Tel and Tel. Co.

One span of the new Androscoggin Bridge at Rumford Point was in place and the second one started.

Births: Elise Gay Bennett Samuel Earl Eames.

Deaths: William F. Walker, Ovilla A. Pratt, Willis Brooke, Jr.

70 years ago: Philip R. Burns sold the Red & White Store to Ralph H. Young.

Mrs. Cleora DeCosta of Hartford gave an illustrated nature talk at a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Death: Herman C. Cole.

80 years ago: Richard and Stanley Carter were employed at Stone's camp on the Cambridge.

The Manual Training Department of Gould Academy, under the direction of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Fossett, held their annual exhibition.

Births: Janice Lord, Lynda Joan Richardson.

Death: John B. Marble.

90 years ago: Bethel citizens voted at a special town meeting to raise \$1,500 to purchase a lot of land for a new primary school house. It was voted to raise \$15,000 to construct the building.

Robert and Wm. Hastings were building another new brooder house for their chickens.

Deaths: Leslie L. Mason, John M. Reid.

110 years ago: The pine grove at West Bethel near what was formerly the Baptist Church was being cut down by Mr. N.R. Springer. The old church had been converted to a tenement with four rents.

Mrs. Lord leased the Prospect Inn to Shaffer and Greene of Boston.

Death: Simeon Frost, Madeline Durkee.

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more advanced photographic equipment. By 1900, she owned both 4x5-inch and 5x7-inch format cameras.

The latter is now on display at the Greenwood Historical Society as part of an exhibit of her photography. That camera, a Telephoto Cycle Poco C, was manufactured in New York by Rochester Camera Mfg. Co. in the 1890s.

It would have cost about \$25 in Nettie's day, the equivalent of around \$700 today. The cost was probably a stretch for the budget of a rural farm family, and illustrates that she regarded photography as more than a casual hobby.

The versatility of her new cameras, which could accept multiple lenses and focus on a greater depth of field, vastly improved her results. But because exposure times were long, the real secret to Nettie's success was her innate artistic eye, which allowed her to pose her subjects so that they appeared to have been captured while in motion.

"Little wonder that she was able to sell some of her photographs for postcards and thus can be considered at least a semi-professional photographer," wrote Diane and Jack Barnes in *Maine Life at the Turn of the Century Through the Photographs of Nettie Cummings Maxim*.

The book, part of the "Images of America" series from Arcadia Publishing, was released in 1995 and is still in print. It focuses on Nettie's life and work and includes many images from the Greenwood Historical Society's collection.



Nettie Maxim titled this 1904 image "Newsboy, Norway." It depicts her niece, Frances, dressed as a paperboy. The woman on the porch is her half-brother Gene's wife, Inez Bean Maxim, the sister of L.L. Bean. Nettie often created costumes and carefully posed her subjects for her photographs. *Greenwood Historical Society*



This self-portrait from around 1903 shows Nettie Maxim's skill and artistry, not only in photography, but also in designing and creating her own clothing. *Greenwood Historical Society*



Blaine Mills of the Greenwood Historical Society and Walter Maxim's daughter Thelma display Nettie Maxim's camera and glass negatives at the 1995 launch of Diane and Jack Barnes' book *Maine Life at the Turn of the Century Through the Photographs of Nettie Cummings Maxim*. *Greenwood Historical Society*

A creative life cut short Nettie was born relatively late in life to Moses Cummings, whose first wife had died while he was away serving in the Civil War, and Juliette Barker Cummings. Moses had two older children who were raised by relatives after he was widowed.

Her parents had been married for ten years before Nettie arrived, and, according to the Barnes narrative, Juliette hoped her only child would remain a spinster and care for them in their old age.

Instead, as a teenager she fell in love with and married Howard Maxim, a carpenter from Paris Hill hired by her father to enlarge the family home.

The young couple shared the farmhouse with Nettie's parents throughout their life together, but Juliette continued to resent her son-in-law and the marriage.

In the spring of 1910, one of the farmhands who boarded at the Maxim farm returned from a trip to Berlin, N.H. and was stricken with diphtheria. He eventually recovered, but Nettie, who had nursed him through his illness, contracted the disease herself and succumbed to it in late May.

Preserving the past Given the events of the ensuing decades, during which Howard remarried, lost the farm to foreclosure, and moved to Locke's Mills, it seems miraculous that so many of Nettie's glass plate negatives survived unharmed.

Her oldest child, Earle, died overseas in World War I, but Winnie and Walter both married and remained in the area.

Nearly 70 years after their mother's death, when the Greenwood Historical Society was being organized in 1979, its president, Blaine Mills, asked the siblings about her collection of glass plate negatives.

He learned that although some had been broken over the years, they each had several boxes of them stored at their homes.

"Walter had them stashed in a woodshed and Winnie had hers stashed in a barn," Mills said.

The siblings had been planning to send them to Walter's daughter, Marilyn Maxim Wilson, who lives in Texas.

Mills, believing the images had great significance to the town of Greenwood, and fearing that the delicate glass plates would be lost or destroyed, asked if the newly formed historical society might be allowed to care for the ones most relevant to local history.

In the end, Walter and Winnie decided they wanted the collection to remain intact, and donated all of them to the society.

Mills spent two years cleaning and separating the glass negatives, placing each in a separate acid-free envelope, and creating an index.

"It just about gave me fits," he said, "because Winnie and Walter kept calling to say they'd found another box of them after I'd already gotten halfway through the indexing project."

Using an antique enlarger and the GHS darkroom, he has been able to use the glass plates to make high-quality prints for display, and to sell to raise funds for the society.

In 1995, Nettie's granddaughter in Texas loaned her camera for a celebration of the publication of the Barnes' book, and she recently donated it permanently to the society.

The Greenwood Historical Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month during the spring, summer, and fall, and each meeting features a different program. Monthly meetings will resume on May 6 at 7 p.m. at the society's building on Main Street in Locke's Mills.

Rail

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gun around 2007 in response to Maine Department of Transportation studies on the expansion of passenger rail in Maine.

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks, also a committee member, said last week she and her selectboard still feel the rail effort is worthwhile, and the town will host an AOCCC committee meeting in May. She said that the committee most recently has been working to support state legislation relating to the effort.

One bill, LD 323, seeks \$500,000 in state funding for the study of the economic impacts of a passenger rail link between Portland and Lewiston-Auburn, which many passenger rail advocates said is the next important step in securing the finances needed to upgrade 13 miles of state rail that runs between Yarmouth and Danville Junction in Auburn, according to a recent article in the Sun Journal. That section of track is key to an expansion of passenger rail service into western Maine that could eventually stretch to Montreal, connecting the Canadian city to Boston and making the Lewiston-Auburn a central hub for tourists traveling to and between both cities.

The study would also develop a specific rail service development plan that would likely determine how many daily trips between the cities would be offered and how the system would link into the state's existing passenger rail system and schedules.

Another bill, LD 247, allows cities and towns along a rail corridor to collaborate

in forming quasi-municipal entities, which could help finance passenger rail developments. It would also allow those new passenger rail corridor districts to issue bonds to help fund expansion projects.

State Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel), is a co-sponsor of LD 247 and also supports LD 323. "I support LD 247 and LD 323 because we have a real opportunity to grow our economy right here in Oxford County," she said. "A passenger train connecting Montreal to Portland could serve as a real economic boost to our area. I applaud the work of the committee members who have gotten us so far, and will support this project in any way that I can."

ZINCHUK, DONOVAN RESPOND

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, gave this response to Maxfield's concerns:

"I can understand how some of the town managers of the smaller communities (like Woodstock) may feel that the reality of passenger rail is too far off—and that attending committee meetings may not be the best use of their time.

"Saying that, the AOCCC is committed to the effort for the long term. We have decided to go from monthly meetings to a possible quarterly meeting scenario, knowing that quite a bit of work will be done between meetings by the staff of AVCOG, Community Concepts Finance Corp. and key individuals like Tony [Donovan] of the Maine Rail Transit Co-

alition."

Zinchuk said the ski train of the 1990s "was passenger rail before its time. It did show us what could be. Since then, the development of the Downeast Services and now its extension to Brunswick, makes passenger rail even more possible and in fact probable for communities in Maine who are willing to 'show up' and advocate.

"This is where we are at now. The Chamber board continues to want involvement in this conversation and advocacy effort as we believe passenger rail service will infuse new economic opportunities for Bethel as well as our sister communities in western Maine—and eventually into rural New Hampshire, Vermont and on to Montreal.

"It is essential for us to collectively 'stay the course' for the long run, otherwise our past efforts will be for naught. Municipal participation, private investment, and State/federal investments will be needed through the process."

She said a 'Rally for Rail' is being planned for September, with a tentative plan to hold it in the Lewiston/Auburn area.

Tony Donovan also responded to a request for comment on Maxfield's statements. Donovan is a professional commercial realtor specializing in site location of development of train station sites, and was involved

in the Portland Transportation Center and the Brunswick Main Street Station.

"I understand Mr. Maxfield's concern that this is a slow project, as is true with most major infrastructure investments and in particular one that in the end will restore passenger rail service between Montreal Canada and Boston," he said. "This is an effort that will require the collective will of a lot of people and organizations."

In response to a statement Maxfield also made at the selectmen's meeting that he believed Donovan owns a share in the Bethel Station development, which would benefit from the return of rail service, Donovan said, "In Bethel I represent the owner of the long vacant Bethel Station development site in attracting investors to revitalize this important regional asset. If I succeed I will be paid. I do not own an interest anymore than you or any resident or town official who wants to see this region prosper."

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Briefly

Skier killed at Sunday River

NEWRY-A skier who was an employee of Sunday River Resort died in an accident on an expert trail at the resort last week. Benjamin Taylor, 35, of Bethel fell and went off the double black diamond Black Hole trail and into the trees at about 11 a.m. last Wednesday. Taylor was an employee of Sunday River, according to Maine Department of Public Safety spokesman Stephen McCausland. He was wearing a helmet and was with friends. Spokeswoman Sarah Devlin said in a news release that Taylor was treated on scene by ski patrol, and was later pronounced dead by ambulance personnel. The snow conditions on the Black Hole trail were described as "machine-groomed" and "variable" at the time of the accident, Devlin said. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family," said Dana Bullen, president and general manager of Sunday River. "It is not easy to share news like this. We are deeply saddened to lose a team member and it affects us all here."

Woodstock home gutted by fire

WOODSTOCK-The Office of the State Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of a fire that gutted a home on Gore Road last Wednesday night, fire Chief Kyle Hopps said last week. The 2½-story home is owned by an out-of-state couple who were not there at the time, he said. "This house was their second home, so there was nobody living there at the time of the fire," Hopps said. He did not have their names. The fire was reported at about 8:30 p.m. and Woodstock crews called for help from Greenwood, Bethel, West Paris, Newry and Rumford. "We had stopped the fire pretty early on, but we ended up spending most of Thursday chasing the hot spots," Hopps said. He said the house was a total loss. "By the time we got on scene Wednesday night, the fire had spread through the entire back of the house," Hopps said. "The entire inside of the house is completely gutted." By Tuesday of this week, no cause of the fire had yet been released. - M. Daigle, Sun Media Wire

Bethel native nominated for national restaurant award

PORTLAND-Bethel native and chef Chris Gould and his wife, Paige, have been nominated for a James Beard Award for best new restaurant in the country for their Central Provisions restaurant in Portland. The restaurant opened last year. The award winner will be announced May 4. Gould is a 2002 graduate of Gould Academy, and attended The Balsams (Dixville Notch, N.H.) four-year apprenticeship program. Paige has a bachelors in Fine Arts from Franklin College and is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA), according to Chris' father, Scott. "This James Beard nomination for Best new restaurant in the nation is about the highest honor that a Chef could hope for," he said. "Chris and Paige were also recently honored with a sixth place finish in the BonAppetit 'Best New Restaurant in 2014' category."

Parking

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question. I think we owe you an answer," which, he said, would likely be available by the next board meeting.

Drown suggested Largess come out to see the Sunday River Road on a Saturday.

And, he added, a proposed town parking ordinance that was defeated at Town Meeting was likely turned down because of the covered bridge. "People don't want people to stop parking there," he said. "If you put up signs 'no parking,' there go your weddings at the covered bridge."

"The bridge isn't ours," said Largess, noting it belongs to the state.

"But we get the grief," said Town Administrator Loret-

ta Powers. She said the town had asked to state to deal with the parking issue, but "it didn't work."

Added Code Enforcement Officer Dave Bonney, "You have a tourist attraction there, and because it's state-owned land where they park it's hard to convince the state to deal with parking. Maybe the state needs to do something about the attraction to lessen the safety issue it's created."

Drown said the actual state land is a small portion of where people park. "They park on both sides of the road," he said.

But he also said having the bridge as an attraction is a good thing, "because it

draws business to the community."

TRASH, LETTER S

In other business Monday, former selectman Brooks Morton said he thinks the town needs to clarify how the costs for solid waste are distributed in Newry before signing a new interlocal agreement on it. Morton explained his concerns in a letter (see Page 2).

Powers said she would try to get clarification through the waste hauler and/or the Tri-Town Transfer Station committee.

Selectmen also gave approval for JAGJA engineer Joe Aloisio to prepare bid requests for two weeks from now for improvements to a 1,300-foot stretch of the Sun-

SAD 44 holds debut Science Fair



BY TERRY KARKOS,
SUN MEDIA

Growing gummy bears, tweaking colors in carnations and dream analysis were among the many science projects presented Saturday by children for SAD 44's debut Science Day Science Fair.

Held in the Telstar cafeteria and hallway, students from grades four through eight and two high-schoolers set up booths, displaying experiments and efforts mounted on show boards to prove or disprove a hypothesis.

"Overall, they did awesome," said co-organizer Kate Slattery, the sixth-grade science teacher at Telstar Middle School.

"Most of them had valid experiments, which meant they repeated their experiments several times," she said. She said she encouraged

students "to find something they were passionate about, and then try to develop an experiment about that. Lots of kids were interested in if your brain would be fooled by color when you go to eat something. Or plugging your nose, could that fool what you are going to taste?"

Rather than sample a few people, they used 40 to 50 people as test subjects.

Projects ranged from biology to dog and hamster training. The experiments were all done at home, except two that were completed on ski slopes.

Some students stood with their work, eager to explain it all to adults and children. Others took in the exposition part of the show, catching presentations in the gym on minerals, fossils, the Bryant Pond 4-H camp, Mad Electricity and a wind turbine demonstration by Patriot Re-

newables.

Live wildlife presentations by Chewonki Foundation educator Emma Balazs of Wiscasset, using a great horned owl, a tarantula and an Australian water dragon, were held every 30 minutes.

A group of children in the district's Lego Robotics program demonstrated their computer-programmed, motorized inventions.

Lacey Tilsley, 9, of Bryant Pond experimented with growing gummy bears in water, salt water and vinegar. The water, sugar and gelatin concoction absorbs water like a sponge, but the gelatin keeps it from dissolving in water.

"My project was to see if gummy bears would grow in these three substances," the Woodstock Elementary School fourth-grader said. "And they all grew."

The plain water bear tripled in size, but the other two didn't grow as much.

"Some of the water molecules went into the salt instead of the gummy bear," Tilsley said. And the yellow bear soaked in vinegar "turned to clear, slimy and fragile, and when I was getting it weighed this morning, its head fell off."

Her sister, Ella Tilsley, a fifth-grader at Woodstock Elementary, wanted to see if she could change the color of carnations from white to rainbow by splitting their stems and leaving the split stems in different cups of colored water overnight.

"It actually worked," she said. "I thought it wouldn't work, because I thought the stem was hollow and, apparently, it isn't hollow. It has something called xylem in it and, apparently, the petals aren't connected to it, so that helped separate the color. I think that's pretty cool."

Eleven-year-old Utah Bean, a bespectacled sixth-grader,

YOUNG SCIENTISTS-Projects at Saturday's SAD 44 Science Fair at Telstar included: Top, far left, sixth-graders Austin Westleigh and Asa Milot, who tested which material in a river erodes more readily - sand or clay; Left, eighth-grader Eric Chapman, who tested if the width of a rubber band affects the length it will catapult an object; Bottom, far left, senior Maureen Glover demonstrated the polarity of water and included a demonstration of creating a bubble-like film with soap, water and glycerin suspended between strings. Bottom left, a wide shot of the fair.

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er, wowed people with his knowledge and presentation on dreams.

"I wanted to find out what dreams people could have based on what they ate, what the moon phase was and their emotions," he said.

He created five dream journals by asking his test subjects to record what they ate, what the moon phase was and what they dreamed about, "so I could, like, find patterns in the dreams and see if I could find types of them."

He said he color-coded the dream data, and created charts to show positive and negative dreams. "The yellow is the happy, the upbeat, the cool dreams and the amazing dreams, and then the green are the negative dreams, the scary dreams, the confusing and sad dreams."

Bean said his test subjects had more negative than positive dreams, which he believes was largely based on moon phases. "Different light coming down from the moon can cause dreams to change," Bean said. "But sometimes, dreams are just dealing with emotions. If you have a lot of food at night, it can cause weird, crazy dreams."

Slattery, Tonya Prentice from Woodstock Elementary, Marie Keane from Crescent Park Elementary and Karen Thurston from Andover Elementary, organized the event. It was sponsored by the Mahoesuc Kids Association, which brought in the Expo's guest speakers.

"Our vision is, families would come in and just do science — hands-on demonstrations," Slattery said.

Next year, she said, organizers want to encourage students in kindergarten through 12th grade to participate. "I'd like to see it bigger. I'd like to see it huge and be held at the Augusta Civic Center."

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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

It's time to dust off your Easter bonnet and take that pretty spring dress out of mothballs to get ready for Easter Sunday.

I don't have an Easter bonnet or an Easter hat and haven't had such an accessory since I was a little girl. I do have a dress, but I certainly wouldn't call it a pretty spring dress. I wore it once to a funeral and then again to a wedding, however I dressed it up a bit that time by wearing fake pearls. After all, it was a wedding.

When I was a little girl my Easter bonnet and a pretty new spring dress were more important to me than Peter Cottontail and colored Easter eggs. Though I was pretty fond of that basket full of goodies too.

For one thing I got a new dress only twice a year; one for the first day of school and one for Easter Sunday. Not coming from a family of affluence I had to make both dresses last as long as possible, but they were so special the first time I wore them.

I didn't get a new Easter bonnet every year because my head didn't grow all that fast and since I wore it only on Easter I never had the chance to ruin it like I did with most of my clothing.

I had white gloves too and they lasted a few years' as

well. I couldn't put them on until we left home for church and they went into my mother's pocketbook the minute we left church. If not for that I'm sure I would have worn them digging in the dirt, but my mother was vigilant about taking care of them.

Black or white patent leather shoes, a little big to

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start and a little tight the next year, but a beautiful addition to my Easter ensemble. I did get new white socks with lace cuffs.

Being all dressed up from head to toe for Easter was a big deal back then. Sadly I think that's a tradition that's gone by the boards in more modern times.

I'm sure there are still some folks who dress their little girls in frills and lace and maybe some moms wear a hat on Easter Sunday, but I think they are the exception rather than the rule.

I'll dress up for church this Sunday of course, but it will be a pantsuit and my regular Sunday go to meeting shoes. The only hat I have is a baseball style cap that has writing across the front that says "Women who behave seldom make history!" Not exactly appropriate for the occasion.

I think a lot of men still wear a suit and tie on Easter Sunday when they otherwise wouldn't and that's very nice. It's us ladies who have dropped the ball on tradition. No one is writing sonnets about our Easter bonnets because we no longer wear them. I don't know if you can even buy them any longer.

Maybe I'll fall back on my Easter roots this year and go buy a wide brim straw hat, some pretty ribbons and artificial flowers and make an Easter bonnet. I could even use a glue gun and put some plastic colored eggs on it.

Who knows, that may just start a new tradition of the homemade Easter bonnet with all the frills glued upon it, but the way I see it I won't be marching in any Easter bonnet parade, just making a bit of a statement. And here's another statement... A very Happy Easter to one and all no matter what you may wear on Sunday.

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Gilead voters quickly approve warrant

BY TERRY KARKOS,
SUN MEDIA

Gilead Town Meeting voters wasted no time Saturday evening approving a budget that will raise \$20,000 more in taxes than last year.

With little discussion and just a few questions, all articles passed as read in 27 minutes. Town Clerk Lin

Chapman said the meeting was one of the shortest in recent history.

After electing Paul Handlen as moderator, about 40 voters approved a budget of \$192,574. It includes an increase for the Fire Department, road paving and \$10,000 in repairs to the town bucket loader.

The Fire Department

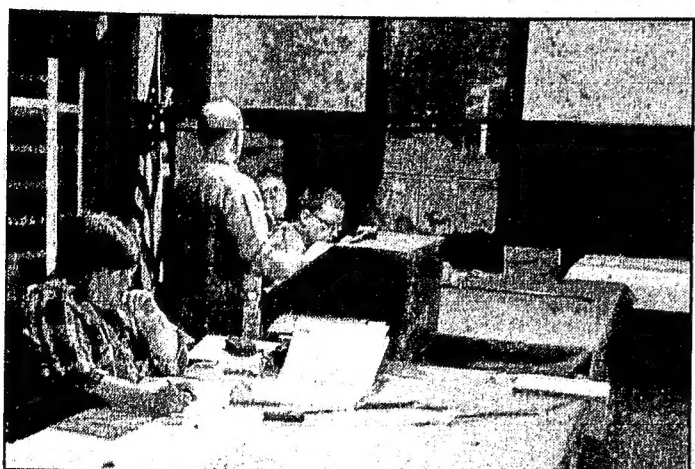
asked for \$28,000, which is up from last year's \$21,000. Equipment purchases are needed to meet state requirements.

A stretch of North Road on Wight's Hill will get paved, thanks to approval of \$20,000, and the bucket loader will get fixed. Road Commissioner Fred Corriveau had recommended the re-

pair work be done.

In municipal elections from the floor, residents re-elected town officials who were not opposed.

They are Selectman Alfred Leighton, Road Commissioner Corriveau, Town Clerk/Treasurer Lin Chapman, Tax Collector Judy Perrille and School Committee member Lise McLain.



Above left, moderator Paul Handlen answers a question from Selectman Alfred Leighton (far right). Between them are Selectman Jeremy Morin (with head down) and Selectman Steve McLain. Above right, Gilead voters approve funds for the maintenance and operation of the Town Office and Town Hall.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, March 23

At 11:31 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a harassment complaint on Main Street in Greenwood. A warning was to be issued.

Tuesday, March 24

At 7:06 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail on Mason Street in Bethel, near the school zone. One vehicle was stopped and given a warning.

At 4:45 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Broad Street in Bethel for a report of a sex crime. The case was under investigation and was to be referred to detectives.

Wednesday, March 25

At 8:25 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of a telephone scam in Bethel. The caller was pretending to be from the IRS and seeking personal information.

At 12:25 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson arrested Johanna Gardner, 25, of Bethel for disorderly conduct in Bethel.

At 6:59 p.m. several officers went to Mason Street in Bethel to search for stolen items with a search warrant.

Thursday, March 26

At 7:08 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail on Intervale Road in Bethel. Two cars were given speed warnings.

At 9:38 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a late report theft complaint from the Town of Andover on South Main Street in Andover. The incident was under investigation.

At 9:47 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray investigated a criminal threatening complaint in Albany. The investigation was ongoing.

At 10:35 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman arrested David Charron, 27, in Bethel on a warrant for unpaid fines.

Friday, March 27

At 1:06 p.m. a Bethel resident reported being harassed. Deputy Dave Hodgson issued a warning.

At 5:44 p.m. Deputy Richard Murry assisted the animal control officer and Humane Society in a search warrant in Albany. A horse was removed from a subject who was prohibited from owning horses.

Saturday, March 28

At 6:03 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer received a report that a subject in Newry had had his vehicle vandalized.

Sunday, March 29

At 8:33 a.m. a subject found a wallet in Bethel and turned it into the Sheriff's Office. Later in the day it was returned to the owner, who was very thankful for the 'Good Samaritan.'

At 11:10 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a theft complaint in Newry.

At 8:41 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker received a report of an intoxicated subject on Main Street in Bethel. He was busy with another incident and on arrival the subject had been retrieved.

At 7:38 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco was assigned to speak to a subject in Bethel regarding a threat complaint.

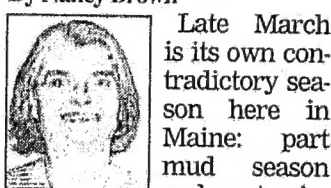
At 8:49 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco responded to Route 2 in West Bethel for a report of an injured deer in the road. The deer was dispatched. The Bethel 'deer list' was called but no one wanted the deer.

Monday, March 30

At 4:23 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious subject hanging around a plaza on Main Street in Bethel and scaring children. Sgt. Tim Ontengco was assigned.

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Late March is its own contradictory season here in Maine: part mud season and part winter, with a hint of spring temperatures. Last week temperatures hit the high 40s; snow melted off lawns and road banks, then winter fought back with snow flurries and freezing rain on Saturday. More snow flurries are expected later this week. Now is the time for us to remember that snow storms are not unusual in April, or even in May.

I'm one of the few people happy with the current weather. Although there are bare spots where the sun hits, there's still plenty of snow for decent snowshoeing. The trails, especially the snowmobile trails, are packed and bare in spots, but in the woods off the trails the snow is still two feet or more deep in most places. I snowshoed through the woods on Sunday and found the snow granular, soft, and wet. Even on snowshoes I continually sank into the snow. It was a good workout. I'm hoping for snowshoeing into mid-April.

Other signs of spring I saw this weekend: the Bethel Skate Park on the Parkway was being cleared of snow

on Sunday. Bethel Bicycle on Route 2 was open with a sign encouraging people to tune up their bicycles for spring. Bicyclists are back on the roadways after a long winter. Please be aware and drive safely and courteously.

Last week I reported that I found the first spring flowers, blossoming pussy willows; this week skunk cabbages have pushed their way through the ice and snow and are blossoming.

Another good sign for spring travelers. The cost of gasoline, after going up for the last few months, has started to slide down again. On Sunday, the average price of a gallon of gas nationally was \$2.42 per gallon. Here in Maine the cost per gallon was \$2.37. Keep your eyes open for lower prices. I bought gas in Auburn on Saturday for \$2.27 a gallon. Down the street on Minot Avenue, gas was \$2.09 a gallon with a car wash. A year ago we were paying an average of \$3.54 per gallon.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Seeing the snowflakes today (Monday), had me a bit discouraged. Yet, I

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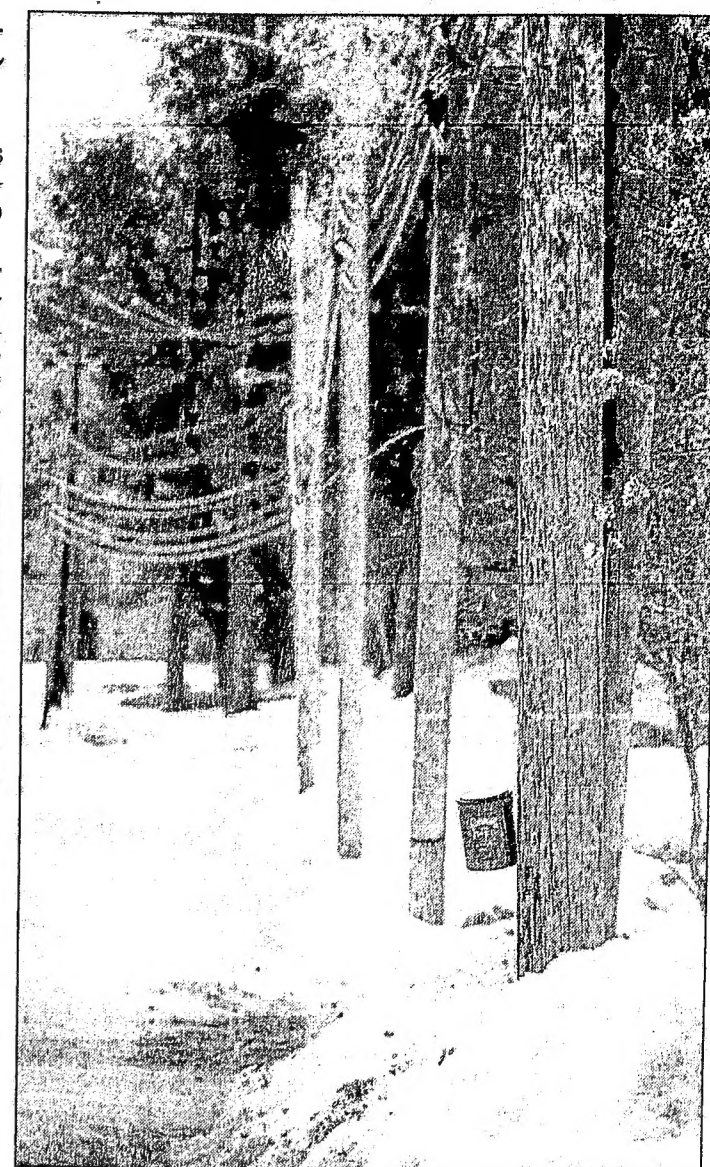
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APRIL FOOL, OR DESPERATION? A maple sugaring buff on Elm Street in Bethel placed Folger's coffee cans on several maple trees, hoping to collect sap in what so far has been, according to some, an underwhelming season. Then, in perhaps a commentary on the sugaring, a sign of pure desperation, or just a little April foolery, the syruper also placed a can on a utility pole across the street.

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kept reminding myself that the worst is over and it won't amount to anything. I bet many of you did the same thing, huh?

Easter is approaching fast and I hope to hear about all the family celebrations. Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com. Now, to clarify my e-mail address to those who never asked like some have yet wondered. "Heinrich" was my Dad's name and as my maiden name is "Ritz" I had intended for my e-mail to read "ritzcracker@...". Coming to find out, it was taken!! My Dad would laugh and appreciate me combining his name and what folks associate our last name with.

Neil Olson told me that he went to Virginia in February for some trapping. His and Linda's oldest grandson, Connor Aube, went to Phoenix Ariz. and played in a baseball All Star double header. He did quite well. Way to go, Connor, from all of us in the neighborhood. Oh, and mark your calendars! Trappers' Weekend will be from Aug. 20 through 22.

Here is the new Trivia: In

1965, who was on the University of Maine's annual southern training tour?

Have a great week, and Happy Easter.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



As the snow is melting, I keep looking for another sign of spring - those little daffodils popping up their heads next to the warm, granite foundation of the parsonage. So far, no such sightings have occurred.

The Snow Valley Snowmobile Club will hold the final meeting of this season on Saturday, April 4 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse off of Route 5. The main business will be the election of officers and a pot luck supper, so bring a dish to share.

Those wishing to keep the sacred observances of Holy Week have the opportunity to attend a Maundy Thursday service with Communion at the First Congregational Church on Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. which will include a light meal. The

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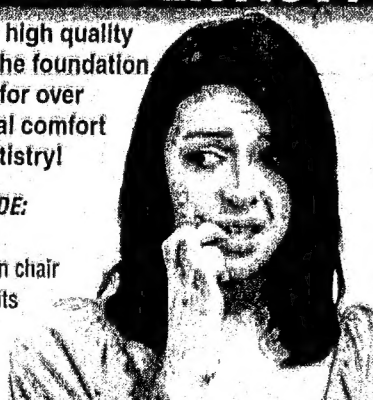
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Easter, the sign of new and eternal life will be celebrated this coming weekend with the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday morning, April 4 at Mills Market. Children will gather at 9 a.m. at the store to search for a variety of colored eggs that will yield prizes. The eggs are color coordinated according to age so that all the children have a chance of getting a prize. This event has been going on since the 1950s thanks to the Mills family having been started by Roger Mills, Sr.

Easter morning services will be held at both churches. For early risers the Sunrise Service is a tradition which will be held at 6:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church on the common followed by breakfast at 7 a.m. A regular worship service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus will be held at 10 a.m.

The Calvary Bible Church Sunrise Service led by Scott Farrington will be at 7:30 a.m. followed by the traditional Easter breakfast and regular worship at 10:45 a.m. led by Pastor David Adams of West Gardner.

I'm still confined at home and will be until the wound vac can be removed from my right heel. For those of you who are curious, a wound vac is an ingenious device that aids in the healing of wounds by removing seepage and drawing the edges of the wound together. So far, mine is working great. It's a question of time, but I'm hopeful it's going to do its job very soon.

I've said thanks before to everyone in this column, but those simple words, thank you, are quite inadequate in this situation. I am overwhelmed by the kindness of so many of you that I can't even begin to enumerate all the ways in which I have been blessed by an event that can be rated as absolutely terrible. As Paul said, "All things work together for good for those who love God. All of you who have done errands for me, brought the daily paper, food, etc. have been a part of that working together for good and I thank you for you many kindnesses."

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Today, April 2, the Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the fire station in Woodstock for a meeting at 11:30 with dinner put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Susan Sweetser. New members are always welcome.

Monday, April 6, Franklin Grange 124 will meet at the Grange Hall for a meeting at 7 p.m. They will help



TELSTAR CHALLENGE-Telstar High School offers a unique class to the juniors and seniors titled the "Telstar Challenge." Students participating in this program are exposed to a variety of physical challenges, during the first third of the program, that progress from easy to very difficult. In order to successfully complete the challenges, the students have to work together, communicate effectively, listen to each other and be open to new ideas and different ways of thinking. In addition, leadership skills are developed and demonstrated throughout the process of completing the tasks. These personal skills the students are learning and, subsequently doing, address life skills that are so important to being a happy successful person. The challenge these students recently completed, depicted in the pictures, is getting an injured incapacitated person over a 12 foot wall along with all the members of the group. Students had ropes carabiners, cravats, a backboard and their ingenuity to complete the task. This year this group of students successfully completed the challenge in 31 minutes. Above left: Mike Dougherty, Cyle Marriott, Hunter Williamson, Reggie Westleigh. Above right: Taran Vitali, Mike Dougherty, Blair Stevens, Hunter Williamson, Reggie Westleigh, Cyle Marriott. On ground: Zack Stone.

with the Basket Making and Lunch at Harrison Community Center (back of the fire station), 34 School Street, Harrison, on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Instructors will help you make a basket to keep or give as a gift. Lunch at noon. If basket making is not your thing, join them for lunch. \$25 for basket and lunch or \$10 for lunch only. RSVP by April 15. Space is limited. To make a reservation or for more information, call Opal Gardner (595-0925) or Christine Hebert (743-5277). Door prize, 50/50, raffles. Proceeds to benefit Lakeside and Franklin Granges.

Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, April 11.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. The teens are still collecting bottles and cans for plane tickets for their trip to summer camp. Remember Sunday, April 5, is Easter, Resurrection Sunday. Services on April 5 are family breakfast at 9 a.m. with family Sunday School at 9:30. Morning Worship at 10:30. Evening Service at 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 19 at 6 p.m. will be a special service with the Bloom class singing and testifying. This will be followed by Snack Fellowship. There will be a special offer-

ing to benefit the upcoming summer camp trip.

Seems nice to see some bare ground and a few days of warmer weather.

Town meeting was held on Monday, March 23. It was over early, around quarter of nine. Mike Nadeau is the new selectman.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



It seems like we missed out on any snowflakes this past weekend. The recent rain helped remove some more snow. As far as I go, these are both good things.

My brother, Steve McLain, arrived early Saturday morning to help get the Town Hall ready for town meeting. He got the wood stove going and did some set up.

The other two selectmen, Jeremy Morin and Alfred Leighton, appeared a little while after that and helped finish up. Alfred had his helper, Dylan Gordon, to also give them a hand.

There have been some spring birds arriving at the feeder. First there was a sighting of a Red-Winged Blackbird, then a Purple Grackle and last Saturday, a Starling appeared. So far, I have not seen any Cowbirds.

Recently, Carole Mason, Steve McLain, Cameron Gross and Amy Boivin transported Queenie and Ponkey, who have been boarding at Carole's to Gerda Silver's animal rescue installation (Gerda's Animal

Aid) in Townshend, Vt.

Last weekend, Tim and Michele headed for Boston with three of the grandchildren, William, Annie and Ajay. The fourth grandchild of this group, Sidney, stayed home with us. They attended a Celtics game while they were there. This was part of their Christmas present from last December. Sidney's present was a trip to a Bruins game a while ago.

Steve McLain and Carole Mason attended the Rotary breakfast at Gould Academy.

Town Meeting

At 6:30 p.m., Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk and Judy Perrille, Deputy Town Clerk, began checking voters off the voting list. There were 30 registered voters who attended the Annual Town Meeting that lasted only 27 minutes. A total of \$192,574 was raised this year, which is about \$20,000 more than last year.

All of the previous officers ran unopposed and were re-elected for three year terms.

There were very little discussions on the articles covered. Some of the questions asked were regarding the high cost of the maintenance on the Town Garage/Fire Station and paying that is to be done on the North Road. The Selectmen replied that the biggest cost on maintenance of the building was due to heating fuel costs. The paving on the North Road will be to correct problems on Wight's Hill.

As soon as figures are in for the school budget, there will be a special town meeting held to approve the amount

the Town will have to raise for SAD 44 tuition and related expenses.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By Maria Holloway



The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) module of the new Town Office computer system has been recently installed and is up and running, according to Kelly Harrington, Hanover Town Clerk. Residents are asked to come into the town office this Thursday or Friday, April 2 or 3, with their current vehicle registrations to test out the new system. The test will verify that residents' registrations match the data on file at the DMV. Your help with this verification phase will be appreciated.

Tax Assessor's Day will be April 4, Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Town Office. This is an opportunity for property owners to discuss their assessments should they deem necessary. No appointment is needed.

Keith Crockett-Harrington caught a 20.5 inch salmon during an ice fishing outing last week with his family. Congratulations, Keith!

Herb Adams of Hanover was recognized for over 50 years of service and dedication in starting the cross country ski races at Black Mountain in Rumford. In his honor, the Start/Finish Line was named after him and is now designated by a permanent sign. Following the dedication, Herb went on, as usual, and started the Eastern Cross Country Ski Championship Races that day. Congratulations, Herb!

The Busy Bees continue to meet at the Library on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. Bring a craft if you wish or just stop by for good company and conversation. Brenda

Devoe, former Hanover resident, stopped by to visit the Bees last week and received a warm welcome.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family-to-Family Course is being offered for the first time in this area. The free course is for families and friends of persons living with mental illness. The course will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8:30 p.m. beginning on April 16 and ending on July 2, 2015, at the Mountain Valley High School in Rumford. Co-educators are NAMI trained family members who have experienced mental illness in their own families. The course educates participants about mental illnesses, treatments, resources and coping skills while also caring for oneself. For more information and to register, please contact Dottie Adams at 207-364-2197. You may also contact NAMI Maine at 800-592-5767.

Newry

By Doug Webster



To everyone out in ski country who thinks it is cool to ride a chairlift with the safety bar left up, I hope you saw what happened at Sugarloaf Ski Resort last weekend. A chairlift malfunctioned and sent the riders cascading backwards. That is why I used to stress to people when I taught skiing and worked in the industry for years to put their safety bar down. Anything might happen to the lift: derailment, lift line goes backwards, emergency brake engages, or any number of issues could arise. You are better off having the protection of the bar so you're not immediately thrown out of the chair. If you do decide you need to jump out, most of the newer chair lifts have very light safety bars so you can easily flip it up and jump out. It's very unlikely to be on a lift that malfunctions, but you never know when

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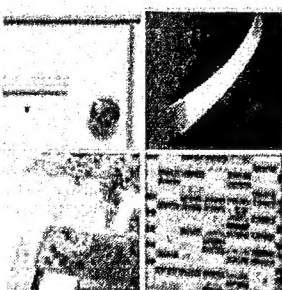
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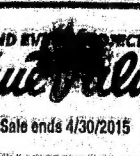
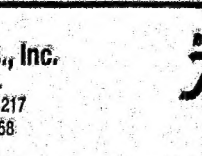
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the emergency brake could be triggered and that alone can swing the chair enough to dump you out. Anyway – food for thought. Ski safely and have fun.

Congratulations to this year's winner of the Dumont Cup, X-Games medalist, Bobby Brown. Second place went to amateur Teal Harle. Sarah Devlin from the Sunday River Ski Resort told me it was great to see an amateur on the podium because the event was created to give amateurs a venue for competing against the pros. There are lots of events happening at the mountain this spring. Make sure to check them out. This weekend is one of the favorites, Parrot-head Weekend. There will be lots of festive activities including an Easter egg hunt and an Easter Interdenominational Sunrise Service.

At Monday's Selectboard meeting, the board was asked about giving a portion of the yearly cable franchise money to Western Hills Access Television. It sounds like the association handles high school and other community televised events. The franchise money is usually around \$10,000 to \$12,000. I asked if the access channel could be used for our town meeting and such and was told that it might be possible. Brooks Morton volunteered to look into the matter. Earlier this year he suggested using the franchise money for upgrading technology at the office.

The Board discussed possible changes to the way the Planning Board members get paid. After much discussion, Chair Wendy Hanscom suggested they didn't have to continue doing things as they are now. But in the end, it looks like it will not change much at all. The Planning Board is still looking for members. Call the town office if interested.

Joe Aloisio gave the Board his final plan for the Letter S project. Once the Board approves the new plan, Joe can send it out to bid. Dave Bonney, Newry CEO, had some questions about the possibility that some landowners next to the project might be affected by the digging. Joe said he would look into it.

Sunday River resident Gary Drown asked the Board about the possibility of the town buying some land up near the covered bridge. He said currently the parking available is not adequate for the events that are held there. Also, the Mountain Explorer would stop in there if there was a place to turn around. Mr. Drown asked the Board for their opinion, and they said they would like to look into it. Jim Largess said he would love to get back to him with a more thought out response, but his first reaction is that he would not be in favor of it. Mr. Drown runs a vacation rental business in Newry.

The town is still looking for a sexton and road committee members. Dave Bonney replaced Jim Largess as Newry's representative on the Bingham Trust Board.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Chapman

By the time you read this, it will be April. My crocuses are still under at least a foot of snow, but last weekend I noticed some

brave iris and daylily shoots beginning to poke up next to the foundation, where the snow has melted back.

Early April is often not very spring-like here in Maine, but it does bring with it a few things that help to remind us that spring really is on the way.

Open-water fishing season has begun (on the off-chance that you can find any open water). I noticed the two ice-fishing shacks on North Pond being removed over the weekend. I don't expect ice out any time soon, but you never know. In just the past few years, it has varied from March 22 to the first week of May, and it only takes a few unseasonably warm days to make a big difference in the safety of the ice.

Over in Brookfield, Vt., where one of my brothers lives, the historical society sponsors an ice-out contest on their local pond. For \$2, you can guess the date and time that Dunkin, a plywood figure rigged to a cement block, will go through the ice. (There's an alarm clock involved, too, but I can't remember just how it all works; suffice it to say that my brother is an engineer.) The winner gets 25 percent of the proceeds, and the Brookfield Historical Society gets the rest. Maybe the Greenwood Historical Society could try a similar fundraiser next year?

Early April also brings the start of the major-league baseball season, and my daughter Caitlin's birthday. She was born on Opening Day of the Red Sox season in 1985, shortly after I watched the game (which the Sox won) from my room at Stephens Hospital, and she has been a Sox fan pretty much ever since. By the time she was three years old, if you gave her the first name of any Red Sox starter, she would enthusiastically fill in the last name – "Boggs! Greenwell! Evans! Benzing!" It was a great party trick.

Michelle at The Local Hub tells me that April 1 marked the one-year anniversary of the day she and Dara purchased the business from Nick and Janet. They closed for a few weeks for renovations, then reopened on May 9, 2014. When I stopped in on Sunday to buy eggs and see what was new, a customer who described himself as "a regular from Bethel" told me to be sure to say that "their meatloaf sandwich is taking the town by storm!" I haven't tried one yet myself, but I do like a good meatloaf sandwich, so I plan to indulge soon.

The town's budget committee was able to wrap up most of its work in two sessions this year. The committee and the selectmen now

just need to obtain estimated paving costs from Road Foreman Alan Seames in order to determine the amount of a highway bond for which they will recommend applying.

I was saddened to hear that Wayne Hakala lost his long, tough fight with cancer last week. Wayne has been involved in so many aspects of town government and life in Greenwood throughout the years that his passing will leave a big hole in the community. Condolences go out to Anita and the family, and to Wayne's many friends. There will be a memorial service this Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. at the American Legion post on the Gore Road, Wayne's "second home."

Sympathy is also extended to Alan Hamilton and family on the loss of Frances "Chummy" Hamilton. Chummy enjoyed an active lifestyle of skiing, golf and living year-round at their home on Twitchell Pond for many years. Her funeral service will be held on May 23 at 11 a.m. at the Locke's Mills Union Church.

Remember to contact me with news. E-mail amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or call 875-5511.

South Woodstock

By Lolale Dillingham

Thursday, March 26, 11:25 p.m.
Good evening dear readers, it's a beautiful spring evening here tonight, a light rain and temperature of 39.7 degrees. Condolences to the families

of Wayne Hakala and Wm. O. LaFlamme. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to each family member.

Belated birthday wishes for those that celebrated birthdays in March – Kathy Bartlett, Eileen Mowett, Amanda Corriveau, Andrea Lane, Lainey Cross, Chris Lamb, Christine Hanscom, Ginny Brown, Natasha Hodson, Megan Hodson, Rachael Severance, Jim Miclon, Harold Wilbur, Mark Thurlow, Jessie Hart, Janice Walker, Joyce Hathaway, Ruby Coolidge, Nancy Wardwell, and Rachael Wilday.

Belated anniversary wishes to Roger and Marie Wilday.

We have been busy entertaining the residents at the nursing homes, rehab centers and Veteran's home.

We had to cancel one of our commitments this week due to me getting a bad sinus infection and coughing.

Daddy O's of Oxford will be opening their new place of business next week, they will be located in the corner building from where the Oxford Cinema was. Hope to see some of you there occasionally.

Congratulations to Mike Nadeau who was elected new Selectman of Woodstock, Alice Deegan was elected Library of Trustee and Sheryl Wilbur as SAD 44 School Board member.

Celebrating birthdays in April are Tracie Mason, Scott Roberts, Frank Hodson III, Nellie Emery, Mary Jane Newell, Marie Coffin, Andrea Lane, and Muriel Knightly.

Anniversary wishes are going out to Barry and Melody

Hadley.

Get well wishes to those who have been down with the flu and other medical issues.

There will be a Fundraiser Dinner on April 18 at 5 p.m. at the West Paris American Legion (former grange hall) for five month old Abby Elizabeth Black (daughter of Nathaniel Black and Melanie Ryerson). Dinner will consist of hearty soups, chowders, and chili along with homemade breads and a dessert buffet. Suggested donations will be \$7 for adults, \$5 per child, and \$20 for a family of 4. "To go" dinners will be available. FMI call Anna at 207-685-9043.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well and have a wonderful weekend

Waterford

By Rockie Graham

It is not snowing today, but it is said to be raining. I shall see. I am getting outside more and walking every day. That means going into town since the road here is still ice and snow with a little mud thrown in. So, it is to Norway I go.

My computer is malfunctioning so my columns do not go through. This one will be faxed to the town office.

Saturday, March 14, I received a phone call from Jay Adams, currently of Bethel, in response to my ad to find a good home for Penelope.

He came by, liked her and took her home with him. I think she will be happier there as she won't be alone so much. In any case, Dave went on a cleaning rampage to get rid of all the hair that she shed and to generally clean up after her in ways that I could not. Hair can still be found. So the pig era ends. She isn't a bad pig, just more than I can handle in my current state. Although sold as a very clean animal, like most animals she sheds her coat this time of year and we had to clean up after her. She also liked to shred cardboard and otherwise be a pain. Can't wait to hear how she fares with Jay. He is younger and has the needed patience.

I have lost track of everything – all my papers and numbers. I am typing this on my laptop, again, as my computer got a virus when Dave put on new antivirus software. Go figure. Now I am waiting for friend Martin to see if he can figure out how to fix it. We shall see. If not, I have to find a good computer person and get it fixed. This computer is fine, but hard to use and a bit hard on my hands. My e-mails do not go through on it.

The sun is almost warm when it comes out, but it is still cold and the winds are fierce. They can almost run a small car off the road. With new frost heaves cropping up every day, the roads can be a new challenge each time one drives them. I wait for warmer weather when

Artist David Wolfe display at Gould

Now through April 15, Gould Academy's Owen Art Gallery is displaying the works of artist David Wolfe. David Wolfe is the proprietor of Wolfe Editions, a letterpress and fine art print studio in Portland Maine. David has taught book design and book arts at The Maine College of Art, Bowdoin College, Wellesley College, and Dartmouth College, along with ongoing letterpress and book arts classes in his own studio. He was the Master Printmaker for the 2009 winter residency program at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. David is the 2010 Traditional Arts Fellow of the Maine Arts Commission, honoring his thirty years of letterpress printing in Maine.

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the snow and ice will be gone and I can go for walks and get stronger. SOON!

Passover begins April 3 and Easter Sunday is April 5.

Monday, April 6, Socrates Café meets at the Waterford Library from 5:30 to 8:30. The topic is "What can we do individually and collectively?" Moderator is John Howe. FMI please call 583-6957.

Friday, April 3, the First Friday Reception will be held at the Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway, from 5 to 7 p.m. Sandra Bell will be the featured artists.

Saturday, April 4, Circus Ole! And Feast of Fools will hold a show at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School at 7 p.m. \$10 adults and \$5 children. This is an animal free extravaganza.

Easter Services will be held at the North Waterford/Stoneham Churches of Oxford County at Waterford Congo Church. Rev. Petra Smyth for sunrise service at the town beach. Breakfast will follow at the Wilkins House. Easter Service will be held at the North Waterford Church, opposite Melby's, at 10 a.m.

That is all for this week. I hope this goes through as I have a little trouble with this computer. Have a great week. If you have anything you want me to put in, please call 743-0583.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



Easter Sunday, April 5, will be the last regularly scheduled breakfast provided by the Upton Ladies Aid for the season. The Ladies plan to offer breakfasts once a month or so. In May, they will provide one on Mother's Day.

The Upton Historical Society will meet Sunday, April 12, 3 p.m. at the school.

Letter B Notch Riders ATV club will meet Sunday, April 19, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

Three cheers for the end of rabbit hunting season. No obnoxious beagles barking all day for a few months.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoeb@gmail.com with your news.

Sports



PETERSON PITCHES FOR UMF—Former Telstar standout Kyle Peterson throws to first base after fielding a bunt against Husson University Friday at the Winkin Baseball Complex, in Bangor. Peterson pitched a complete game for the Beavers losing 3-2 to the Eagles.

Dave McLaughlin/Sun Media



Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League 2015 Championship

BY BOB MCPHEE

When things are all on the line experience is an asset and Ranor Mechanical, Inc. certainly made the correct adjustments to win the Mountain Valley Recreation Basketball League championship.

Aaron St. Pierre and Nate Carson combined for 48 points and nine three pointers as Ranor maintained its composure down the stretch en route to a 93-80 win against previously unbeaten Laid Back Installers at Putia Gymnasium.

Ranor won its third-straight MVRBL title; however, there were some trying times. LBI had defeated Ranor twice during the year, on the way to winning the regular-season title; although Ranor wasn't at full strength either game. This intangible provided Ranor with an extra incentive, in its quest for the title.

The final matchup featured a series of mini-runs by both teams, throughout the game. Ranor, Jay based, had threatened to break it open after a trey by St. Pierre (29 points, 4 threes) captain and sponsor, produced a 60-49 lead. There was no let down by LBI who nine-unanswered points, including back-to-back treys by Chris Baxter (21 points, 5 threes), to trail by two-points, with 12:31 left in the second half.

Ranor utilized its height inside with Shawn Spadea (15 points, nine rebounds) who scored several high-percentage shots. Teammates Scot New (7), Kevin Gallant (9) and JT Taylor (8) each contributed.

The teams traded baskets until St. Pierre and New buried back-to-back three-pointers, putting Ranor ahead 74-66. LBI countered with an underhanded scoop shot by Eric Canwell (17, 3 threes) and a Jon Benjamin (19, 3 threes) trey, to trail by five points, with 3:31 left to play.

The game featured several mini-runs and there was no shortage of shooting because each team made 12 shots from beyond the arc.

Ranor iced the game by scoring 15 of the last 21 points. The winning team took advantage of free throws, by making 26 of 35, including 17 in second half. St. Pierre was 11 for 11 from the line. LBI was nine of 14 from the charity stripe. The sportsmanship displayed by both teams was respectful and competitively friendly.

LBI had started the game on fire, sprinting out to a 20-10 lead. The Installers took advantage of Ranor defense and drained five three pointers. Ranor regrouped with Carson (19, 5 threes, 4 for 4 from line), Craig Milledge (6 points).

LBI had Brian Canwell (11 points), Owen Jones (8), Andrew McCann (2) and Dave Wilhoite.

School Lunch Menu

SAD 44 School Lunches, April 2-10

Elementary Schools

Thursday: Roast pork dinner or Quick Pick (churro, yogurt and cheese stick), mashed potato, corn bread, honeyed carrots, fruit choices, ice cream.

Friday: Fish nuggets with tartar sauce or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, cabbage slaw, tater tots, fruit cup, graham cracker bites.

Monday: Cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun or Quick Pick (IW Bagel, HB egg and cheese stick), roast potato, baked beans, applesauce.

Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich on wholegrain bread or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, homemade vegetable beef soup, goldfish crackers, petite banana.

Wednesday: Cheese or pepperoni pizza, spinach salad with craisins, applesauce, orange wedges.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie and dinner roll or Quick Pick (muffin, yogurt and cheese stick), green beans, strawberry cup.

Friday: Mini corn dogs with honey mustard dipping sauce or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with yogurt, oven fries, cabbage and craisin slaw, dried fruit mix with cereal.

Telstar

Thursday: Roast pork, mashed potato, corn bread, honeyed carrots, fruit choices.

Friday: Cook's choice, fish nuggets with tartar sauce, cabbage slaw, tater tots, fruit cup.

Monday: Double bacon cheeseburger on a wholegrain bun, roasted potato, baked beans, applesauce.

Tuesday: Toasted cheese sandwich on wholegrain bread, homemade vegetable beef soup, goldfish crackers, petite banana.

Wednesday: Make your own pasta bar and breadstick, spinach salad with craisins, applesauce, orange wedges.

Thursday: Homemade shepherd's pie with dinner roll, green beans, strawberry cup.

Available daily: Pizza choices, hot and cold sandwich choices, salads, a la carte choices.

Prime Time Ski Club news

Although there is still plenty of snow at Sunday River ski area and the ski season will continue for several more weeks, this will be the last column for the Prime Time Ski Club for a while as many members traditionally start to head back to their off-season lives the end of March. This past Thursday night was the club's year-end dinner, held at The Bethel Inn, with nearly 60 members attending. Besides a "happy hour" with delicious pass-around appetizers and a tasty dinner with several entrees to choose from, there was recognition of those who helped to make this club's many activities run smoothly this year.

There was also a contest among the seven tables of dinner guests. Questions were asked about the Prime Time Ski Club: how many members (146), how many new members this year (15), how many members 80 years old or over (15). Questions were also asked about Sunday River, such as how many lifts (15), what is the

vertical descent (2,340 ft.), percentage of green, blue and black/double black trails (30 percent, 36 percent, 34 percent), average annual snow fall (167 inches). All table members could confer on the answers. At the end of the "quiz" the table with the most correct answers won Prime Time logo glassware. One member was caught checking out a trail map for answers but accusations of cheating were withdrawn when it was discovered that he had a Sugarloaf map! To add to the fun, a number of members won raffle prizes, provided in part by Sunday River and the Bethel Inn.

As we near the end of another fun-filled ski season, it's probably a good time to provide some tips on how to store your skis during the off-season, gathered from local ski tuners. First of all, make sure that the bases of the skis are clean. Use a cloth or wet paper towels to remove the dirt and grime from spring skiing conditions. After drying, cover the base and edges with wax. If you don't

want the bother of ironing on wax, there is a liquid wax with built-in applicator that works well. A year-end ski tuning is also a good idea so the ski shop can do the summer prep for you. Store your skis in a cool, dry place inside your house away from sunlight, such as a closet. Keep skis away from any surface that can emit moisture, such as concrete and some carpets. Separate your skis and stand them upright on their tips which are less likely to delaminate than the tails. A neutral position with no pressure on either camber or rocker is preferable, so do not hang by tips between two dowels or with the camber compressed by straps or ski brakes.

Make sure that the bindings are clean and don't adjust the tension as was recommended in the 60s and 70s as manufacturers now design bindings to have continuous tension. And don't forget the ski boots. Pull out the liners to make sure everything is completely dry, then buckle the boots snug enough to keep them in proper shape but not over-tightened as this can stretch the boot material. Store boots standing upright in a cool dry place and fill the boots with paper towels to prevent spiders, mice and dust from getting inside them.

Before you know it, it will be winter again and time to take your well-cared for equipment out of storage and join Prime Time Ski Club members for another fun season. For more information about the club's activities, check out our web site at www.primetimeski-club.com.

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Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on April 13, 2015 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License renewal from Kowloon Village, located at 190 Main St., Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org Christen Mason Town Clerk

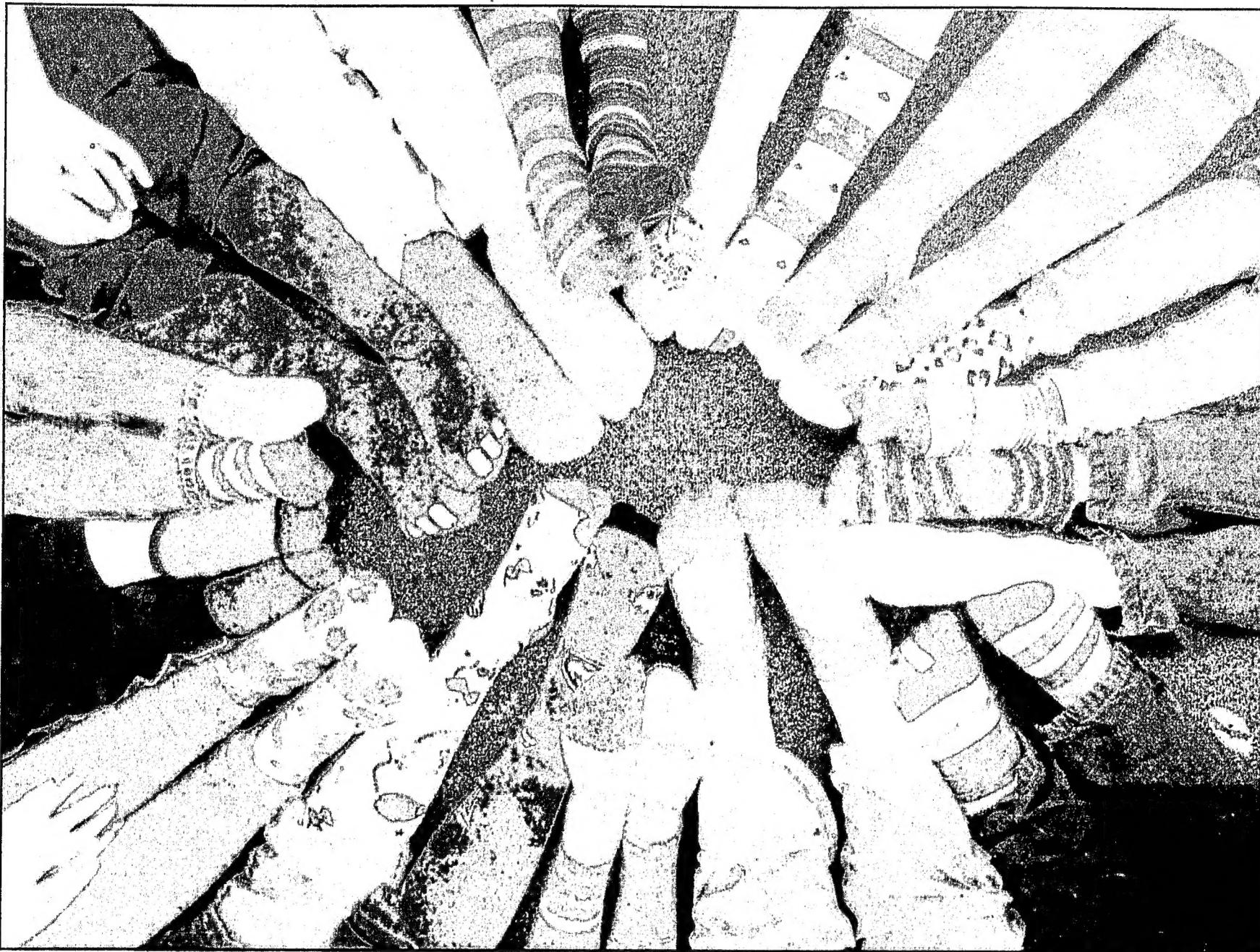
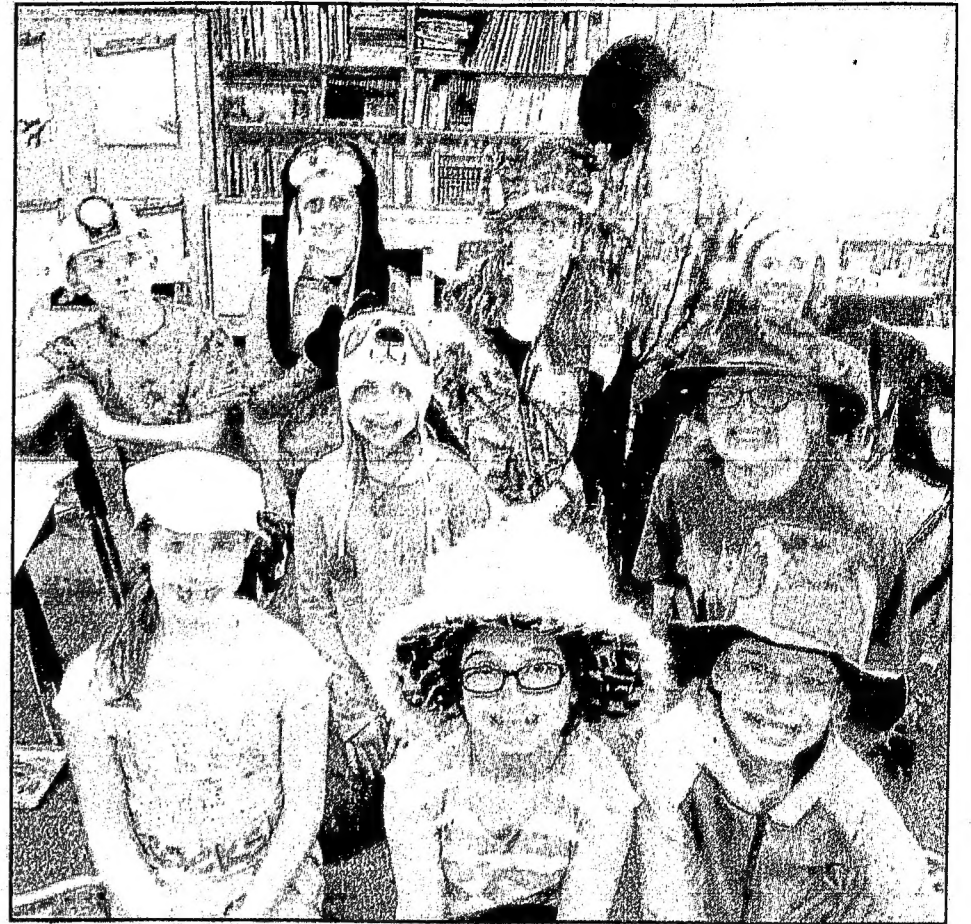
PUBLIC HEARING
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Woodstock Elementary celebrates Dr. Seuss



The Woodstock Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss Spirit Week last week. Each day had a designated theme. From top, left to right: Grade 1 wearing their Red, White & Black clothes on the day of the same name. Grade 5 students on Hat Day. Silly Socks Day. WES Secretary Cindy Bobbe as The Cat in the Hat. Halea Monell and Jennifer Campbell enjoy the 'Seuss Cafe,' for which students went to the library, where 'waiters' took their order for a Dr. Seuss book, delivered it, then picked it up and brought a new one when each student was done reading. Fourth-grade Student Council member Colby Hastings writes down an order. Olivia Seames takes an order from Karen Marshall; also at table are Kenny Knapp and Estella Diaz.

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Poliquin holds local forum

On March 21 Congressman Bruce Poliquin addressed approximately 50 members of Maine's 2nd congressional district at the Mundt-Alen Post 81 post home. Legion members and others, both democrat and republicans travelled from all over Oxford County, including West Paris, Bryant Pond, Woodstock, Greenwood and Albany. Mr. Poliquin spoke briefly about recent votes taken in the U.S. House, his rationale for voting as he did and also concerns by members of Congress about the President's position on negotiating with Iran about their nuclear program. He stated that he joined a number of Representatives in signing a letter

to President Obama outlining their concerns on that important matter.

Following his opening remarks, Mr. Poliquin opened the floor to questions from the floor. Several veterans expressed concerns about VA medical care and the general erosions in military and veteran benefits as well as concerns about National security. There were numerous questions and comments from others about deteriorating conditions in the Middle East and the dangers facing Israel and the U.S. if Iran acquires nuclear weapons. Others were concerned about the costs of health care, the effects of "Obamacare" and suggestions

about how or what should be done to address these issues. There were also lively discussions about schools, budget cuts, how local communities must work to balance their budgets and comments about requiring the Federal Government to address long term national debt issues.

While no consensus was reached, it became clear by most of the comments made by attendees that there is much unrest and concern about what is happening in the Federal Government today. Mr. Poliquin made it a point to express his desire to work with other politicians across the aisle to address his constituents' concerns.



LEARNING SKI HISTORY
AT CPS-The Ski Museum of Maine is developing the prototype of an in-school education program in collaboration with teachers at the Crescent Park School and SAD 44. The pilot program began recently with fourth-graders at CPS. Scott Andrews, the museum's curator and professional historian, is leading the Ski Museum's portion of the project. In his meeting with the students, he described Maine's ski history using a slide show and examples of ski equipment through the years, including old wooden skis with leather top loops, tie and buckle boots, and a "Snurfer" - the earliest form of a snowboard. Top, Andrews holds up an old ski pole. Left, students look at old skis. Based on the results of the program, Andrews and the teachers will develop an expanded program for the 2015-2016 school year. Following that, the Museum is exploring ways to expand it statewide.
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News from the Bethel Historical Society

Women's History Month Program Well Attended

On Saturday afternoon, March 28, over 30 people attended the Society's annual Women's History Month program entitled "Women Soldiers of the Civil War." The film and discussion event was held in conjunction with "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War," a collaborative project of Gould Academy, the Bethel Library Association and the Bethel Historical Society. The focus of the film was on women who, despite the extraordinary obstructions of the era, actually took to the battlefields and served in the ranks of both the Union and Confederate armies disguised as men, with not a few taking the place of husbands who, for various reasons, were unable to enlist. Called "the best-kept historical se-

cret of the Civil War," their participation in the conflict was an act both rebellious and patriotic.

Upcoming "Local & Legendary" Film Series

As part of an on-going community project entitled "Local & Legendary: Maine and the Civil War," free Friday night screenings of thought-provoking Civil War films will take place during April at Gould Academy's Bingham Hall auditorium. The following films will be presented: April 3, Gettysburg; April 10, Glory; April 17, Ambrose Bierce: Civil War Stories; April 24, Cold Mountain. The "Local & Legendary" project is a collaboration between Gould Academy, the Bethel Library Association and the Bethel Historical Society. It is sponsored by the Maine Historical Society and Maine

Humanities Council, with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

New Signs and Branding on the Way

Following much research and discussion, the Society's Executive Committee has approved new wording for replacement signs that will be installed this spring in front of the Robinson and Mason houses. Because each building is essentially a stand-alone museum, with different open times and public offerings, the name "Museums of the Bethel Historical Society" will now be used to identify the organization's facilities on Broad Street. Members and friends who receive the "Broad Street Herald" newsletter or visit the BHS website (www.bethelhistorical.org) may have already noticed this clarification in the Society's branding.

Poet Rachel McKibben at Gould Academy

Thursday, April 23, slam poet Rachel McKibben will be visiting Gould Academy as part of the Richard Blanco Visiting Writers Program and Retreat. While here, Rachel will give a free public reading in Bingham Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Poet, activist, playwright and essayist, Rachel McKibben is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of the critically acclaimed volume of poetry, *Pink Elephant* (Cypher Books, 2009). Regarded as one of the most

dynamic speakers in the country, McKibben is a legend within the poetry slam community, noted for her accomplishments both on and off the stage: she is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member, has appeared on eight NPS final stages, coached the New York LouderARTS poetry slam team to three consecutive final stage appearances, is the 2009 Women of the World Poetry Slam champion and the 2011 National Underground Poetry Slam individual champion.

Rumford Hospital Auxiliary seeks items for May yard sale

The Rumford Hospital Auxiliary is seeking items for its Saturday, May 16 Yard Sale. Whether it's a single item, a room full or house full, the Auxiliary will gladly accept it. The Auxiliary accepts everything except major appliances and clothing. Furniture, rugs, kitchen goods, books and office

items are big sellers. All proceeds are donated to Rumford Hospital. Members of the Auxiliary will be at 209 Lincoln Avenue on Friday mornings during May to accept donations from the public for the yard sale. Pick up for donations to the sale can be arranged by calling 364-3648 or 562-4343.

State Climatologist to speak in Norway

The global climate is changing at a rapid rate due to human activities, namely the burning of fossil fuels, industrial agriculture, and deforestation. The effects of these changes are being felt worldwide. Here in Maine, we are seeing earlier ice-out dates on our lakes, new pests and diseases in our fields and forests, and warmer water temperatures dramatically affecting the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. While the effects of climate change are becoming more dramatic, most of us still do not fully understand the science behind what is driving it and how scientists model future changes in the climate system.

On April 16, as a kickoff to a week of Earth Day related events, Maine State Climatologist, Sean Birkel Ph.D. will visit the Center for an Ecology-Based Economy (CEBE) in Norway to discuss the science behind climate change and how it is and will be affecting us here in Maine.

Birkel is a Research Assistant Professor at the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine,

Orono. He received his Ph.D. in Earth Sciences and Ice Sheet Modeling in 2010 and currently focuses on climate modeling for the Institute. Birkel is the co-author of many peer-reviewed papers on climate issues. His research interests include both Maine historical climatology, as well as modern environmental change. He is currently developing a tool called the Climate Reanalyzer at www.cci-reanalyzer.org, a website that provides access to climate and weather models, and historical weather station data.

Following Birkel's talk, CEBE will host a discussion on how climate change will affect our local communities and what can be done to both prepare for those changes and to help mitigate their long-term effects.

All are welcome to attend this free lecture and discussion sponsored by CEBE and the Western Foothills Land Trust. For more information about this event and all of the Earth Day related events taking place in Norway please visit www.ecologybasedeconomy.org or call 207-739-2101.

Trout sale and workshop offered

Orders for delivery of Rainbow, Brown or Brook trout to private ponds are now being accepted. Due to the cold, snowy winter there may be a shortage of trout in the 8-10 inch range so get your order in early. All trout orders must be received by May 15. The fish will be delivered directly to your pond by Sonny Pierce of Pierce Associates/Shy Beaver Hatchery of West Buxton. Sonny retired from IF&W and will be happy to share his extensive knowledge of trout and trout habitat with you. A Permit to Stock from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is required and may be obtained by going to their website, or by calling or stopping in at the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District office.

On Saturday, April 25 there will be a Farm Pond Construction and Trout Stocking Workshop held in Cummings Hall of First Baptist Church of Paris, located at 500 Paris Hill Road, Paris. Beginning at 9 a.m., Candace

Gilpatrick, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer and Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery will lead a workshop on farm pond construction and stocking your private pond with trout. Both of these workshops are interesting, informative and will include plenty of time for individual questions and answers. The morning workshop will end at 11:30 and be followed by lunch and a field trip to a local farm pond for a "walk and talk."

Check-in for the day is 8:30 to 9 a.m. Snacks and lunch will be served. There is a fee of \$20 for the day and pre-registration by April 22 is required. To register for the workshop, please call Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 743-5789, ext. 111, e-mail oxfordcountyswd@gmail.com, or stop by our office at 17 Olson Road, South Paris.

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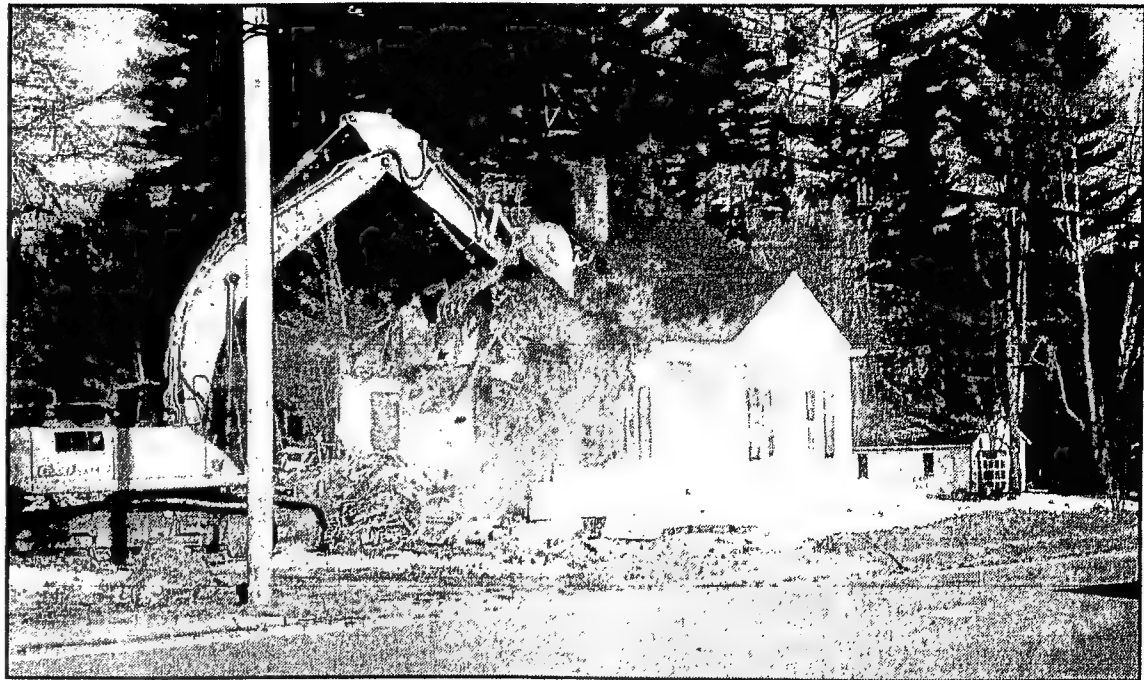
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District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Artist David Wolfe Display at Gould through April 15; Gould Academy's Owen Art Gallery is displaying the works of artist David Wolfe. David Wolfe is the proprietor of Wolfe Editions, a letterpress and fine art print studio in Portland Maine. David has taught book design and book arts at The Maine College of Art, Bowdoin College, Wellesley College, and Dartmouth College, along with ongoing letterpress and book arts classes in his own studio. He was the Master Printmaker for the 2009 winter residency program at Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. David is the 2010 Traditional Arts Fellow of the Maine Arts Commission, honoring his thirty years of letterpress printing in Maine.



MAKING WAY FOR THE DOLLAR STORE-This house in Mayville near the Route 2/Parkway intersection was taken down by Cross Excavation Wednesday morning to make way for construction of a new Family Dollar Store. *Connie St. Pierre*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, April 3

First Friday Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. Featured at the gallery in March are the paintings of Western Maine Art Group's Artist of the Month, Sandra Bell. Sandra Bell is a representational painter, working primarily in oil. Her works include a broad spectrum of North Country subjects... often little known or off the beaten track. FMI: westernmaineartgroup.org.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Annual Meeting/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck followed by meeting and election of officers. Please bring a dish to share. This is the final meeting of the season, so all snowmobilers are asked to come.

Good Friday Services; 6:30 p.m., Pleasant Valley Bible Church. FMI: 836-3006.

Civil War Movies in April - Gettysburg; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 4

Easter Egg Hunt; 9 a.m., West Paris Library. Open to toddlers through first graders. There will be a gift for each child in addition to the eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg will receive a special prize. FMI: 674-2004.

Circus Olé! And Feast of Fools; 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30), Community Forum, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. This animal-free extravaganza showcases a spectacle of performers while proving a circus does not need live animals to thrill and entertain. All "live" animals are giant theatrical puppets created by Trash Into Art - a community collective founded by Rijah Newell that uses recycled materials to build puppets and street theater to illuminate social and environmental issues. \$10/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. FMI/Tickets: www.circus-ole.com or Ringmaster Rijah Newell (rijahnewell@gmail.com or 890-0545).

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunrise Service; 6 a.m. on the summit of Paradise Road. All are invited.

Easter Services; Locke's Mills Union Church. Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., Easter breakfast at 7 a.m. and regular service at 9 a.m.

Easter Services At North Waterford/Stoneham Churches; The churches of Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) will join the members of the Waterford Congregational Church, under the leadership of Rev. Petra Smythe, for a sunrise service at the Town Beach at Keoka Lake, Route 35 in Waterford Flat, followed by breakfast at the Wilkins House. Easter services will be held at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's. All are welcome!

Monday, April 6

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or http://meoc.maine.edu. Free and open to the public.

Beginner Adult Tap; Crescent Park School. Have you ever wanted to learn to tap, but never got to do it? This is your chance to learn... come join us and let's Shuffle Off to Buffalo. \$60.

Bridget Whitman uses a graded system when she teaches dance and it starts at the beginning and moves to next level. She does tap barre-center floor combinations...and more.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Discussion topic: Climate Change, Part II: What Can We Do Collectively and Personally? Moderator: John Howe. Light refreshments and coffee provided. FMI and weather updates: 583-6957.

Tuesday, April 7

OCEA-R Meeting (Rescheduled from March 20); 10:30 a.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. The meal will be served by OHCHS culinary arts students.

MLT Open House Celebration; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Mahoosuc Land Trust Office, Route 2, Bethel. Volunteers from the working committees of the MLT will share their work and promote an understanding of how volunteers fit into their activities. FMI: 824-3806 or www.mahoosuc.org.

Oxford Pomona 2 Meeting; Franklin Grange 124, Bryant Pond. 6 p.m. potluck supper, 7 p.m. meeting. This will be a meeting to confer the 5th Degree if there are any candidates. If no candidates, then the program will be April Adventures.

Formal Public Meeting on Androscoggin River Bridge; 6 p.m., Bethel Town Office. MDOT representatives will listen to concerns, receive comments and answer questions from anyone with an interest in the future rehabilitation of the Androscoggin River Bridge in Bethel.

Wednesday, April 8

Pinterest Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Restaurant, 21 Broad Street, Bethel. Whitney Moreau with Nancy Marshall Communications will walk attendees through the basics of Pinterest, teaching how to create a profile and optimize it for traffic, strategies for surpassing competition, successful content creation and more. \$25 for members of any chambers of commerce and business associations that serve Oxford County and \$30 for nonprofits, businesses and others that are not a chamber member. To register for the workshop

go to www.wmedc.org and click on Events or contact Mia Purcell at Community Concepts Finance Corporation, 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting/Luncheon; 11:10 a.m. (doors open at 10:45), Rooster's Roadhouse. Menu: Yankee pot roast or fish. \$13 per person. RSVP before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your food choice. The April program will be a presentation from the Bethel Senior College.

WMNF Road System Study Public Meeting; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Pemigewasset Ranger District, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, N.H. The U.S. Forest Service is conducting a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest and wants to know from the public which national forest roads are important to them and why. A presentation will be held at 6 p.m., and will cover the travel management rule, rationale, scientific process used, and public input. Following the presentation there will be time for questions and comments. FMI: 603-536-6100.

"Your Backyard Dream Gets Real" Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Gould Academy senior Max Southam will share the story of planning and executing biking the 2,700 mile Continental Divide from Banff, Canada to Antelope Well, N.M. This presentation is part of Mahoosuc Land Trust's "This Is Your Backyard" series. FMI: 824-3806 or www.mahoosuc.org.

Thursday, April 9

WMSC To Your Health Presents Joyful Living; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Speakers include Ellen Crocker, retired psychotherapist, Jewel Clark, professional musician, and Karen Swanson, yoga teacher. They will offer reflections on aging and how music and body movement can help us rise to the challenges. FMI: Rosabelle Tiff (824-2053).

Pennacook Art Center Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., River Valley Technology Center, 60 Lowell Street, Rumford. Meet the artists and view the art. Music by Denis Moro. Light refreshments.

Ballroom Dancing; Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time with instructor Bridget Whitman. Tuition: \$75/couple, \$35/single. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

Friday, April 10

Alder River Grange 145 Meeting; 6 p.m. potluck supper, 7 p.m. meeting. The meeting will be held at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street in Bethel as there is still too much snow at the Hall.

Civil War Movies in April - Glory; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 11

Smile Fund Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Proceeds to benefit adult denture program in the SAD 44 region. Bring toys, tools, plants, books, gardening items to the church starting Monday, April 6 through Thursday April 9 in the afternoon. FMI contact Jane Chandler, 357-3524.

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

Tuesday, April 14

"Blame it on the Brain" Presentation on Adolescents; 6 to 7 p.m., Mountain Valley High School. Karen Williams, MSSW will offer a free presentation about how the adolescent brain works and ways we can help our teenagers grow and stay resilient, confident and happy.

Agnes Gray Student Art Opening; 6 to 7:30 p.m., West Paris Library.

April 16 and 26

Hunter Safety - Firearms; Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Friday, April 17

Civil War Movies in April - Ambrose Bierce: Civil War Stories; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Wednesday, April 22

Bring Back Casablanca Nite; 8 to 9 p.m., Pat's Pizzeria, Bethel. Pat's pizza will donate up to \$12 to the Bring Back Casablanca fund with any pizza purchase. One night only, dine in or takeout. FMI: Donna (836-3953 or patspizzafobethel@hotmail.com).

Thursday, April 23

Farm Pond Construction/Trout Stocking Workshop; 9 a.m. (check-ins begin at 8:30), Cummings Hall, First Baptist Church of Paris, 500 Paris Hill Road, Paris. Candace Gilpatric, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer and Sonny Pierce of Shy Beaver Hatchery will lead a workshop on farm pond construction and stocking your private pond with trout. The morning workshop will end at 11:30 and be followed by lunch and a field trip to a local farm pond for a "walk and talk." \$20 per person. Pre-registration by April 22 required. FMI/Registration: 743-5789 ext. 111 or oxfordcountyswcd@gmail.com.

Poet Rachel McKibben at Gould; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium. Poet, activist, playwright and essayist, Rachel McKibbens is a New York Foundation for the Arts poetry fellow and author of the critically acclaimed volume of poetry, *Pink Elephant* (Cypher Books, 2009). Regarded as one of the most dynamic speakers in the country, McKibbens is a legend within the poetry slam community, noted for her accomplishments both on and off the stage: she is a nine-time National Poetry Slam team member, has appeared on eight NPS final stages, coached the New York louderARTS poetry slam team to three consecutive final stage appearances, is the 2009 Women of the World Poetry Slam champion and the 2011 National Underground Poetry Slam individual champion.

Friday, April 24

Civil War Movies in April - Cold Mountain; 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium free of charge. Presented by "Local and Legendary: Bethel, Maine in the Civil War," co-sponsored by The Bethel Library, The Bethel Historical Society, Gould Academy, The Maine Humanities Council and The Maine Historical Society.

Saturday, April 25

Local and Legendary: Maine in the Civil War/BHS Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society. "Lincoln and the Civil War," marking the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination on April 14, 1865. Special display of a Lincoln portrait presented to Gould Academy in 1911, as well as original documents signed by Lincoln from a private collection. Free and open to the public.

Monday, April 27

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

May 1 and 2

Andover School Arts Program Fundraiser; Friday, spaghetti dinner and dance. Saturday, Family Fun Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many events for children and families to participate in. Free cookout lunch for Andover residents. FMI: Carol (392-3161).

Friday, May 1

Animal Communication Talk/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck (bring a dish to share), 7 p.m. talk, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. Nancy Hohmann will talk about animal communication. Donations accepted to benefit Responsible Pet Care. FMI: 824-2073.

Poetry Reading/Talk with Richard Blanco; 7 p.m., Second Congregational Church, UCC, 205 Main Street, Norway. Blanco will present a reading of poetry and prose and a talk entitled, "Just Tell Me a Story: Writing the Memoir," which will discuss his memoir "The Prince of Los Cocuyos" (Ecco, 2014) along with his experiences as the 2013 Inaugural Poet. Following a question and answer period, Blanco will be available to sign books. Books N Things of Norway will be in-house providing books for purchase. General admission: \$10. Tickets available at the Norway Memorial Library at 258 Main Street, Norway and Books N Things at 430 Main Street, Norway.

Saturday, May 2

Old Fashioned Barn Dance/Potluck; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. concert, 8 p.m. dance, Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, North Newry. All dances are taught. Beginners are welcome. Cost is \$10, children under 16 half-price. FMI: 824-2073.

Sunday, May 3

Meals on Wheels Fundraiser; 2 to 5 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Live music by the Shadagee Ramblers, 50/50 raffle, snacks. \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance. Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to older adults who are homebound and cannot cook for themselves. Proceeds will go toward ending a waitlist of over 100 in the tri-county region. FMI: 1-800-427-1241 or info@seniorsplus.org.

Wednesday, May 6

Vote on Proposed Region 9 School of Applied Technology Budget; Region 9 School of Applied Technology, 377 River Road, Mexico.

Saturday, May 9

Hope Association Spring Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: Sally Theriault (364-4561).

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - "AN" WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

ANY
FAN

4 Letters

ANTS
BEAN
THAN

5 Letters

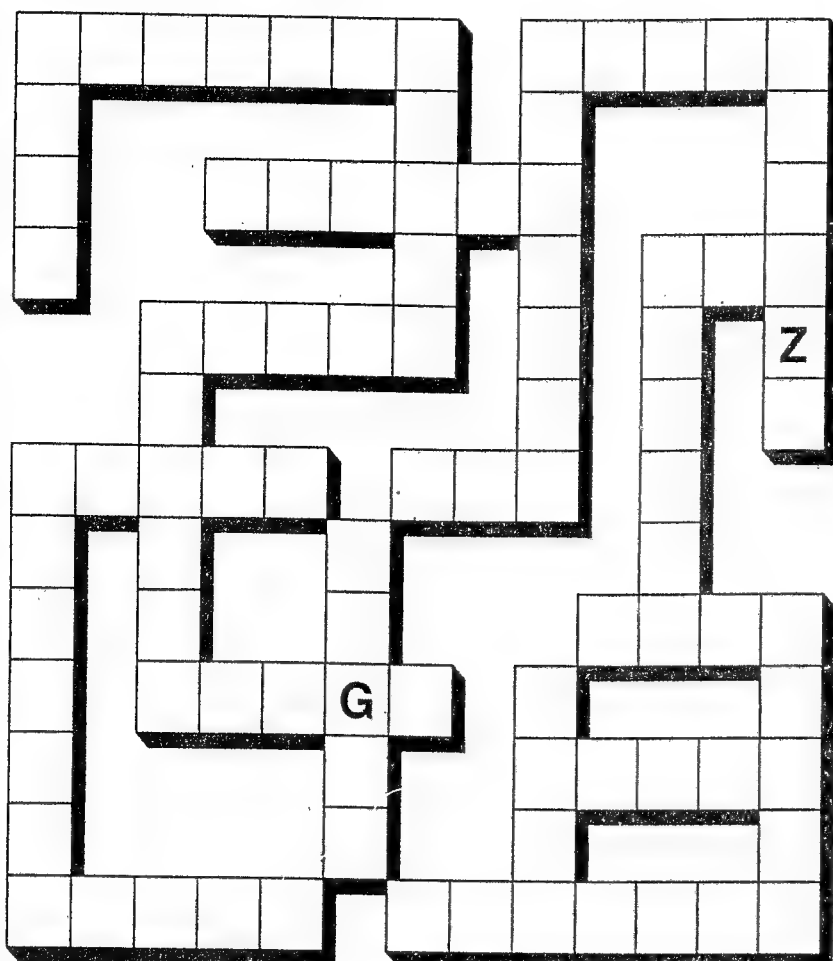
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HUMAN
JEANS
NANNY
RANGE
ROMAN
WOMAN

6 Letters

FRANCE
GERMAN
STANZA
WANDER

7 Letters

ANOTHER
COMMAND
FANTASY
JANUARY



"The ladders are for the tourist trade. We use the _____."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Send
VOCENY

Glee
GLITHED

Great
PERSUS

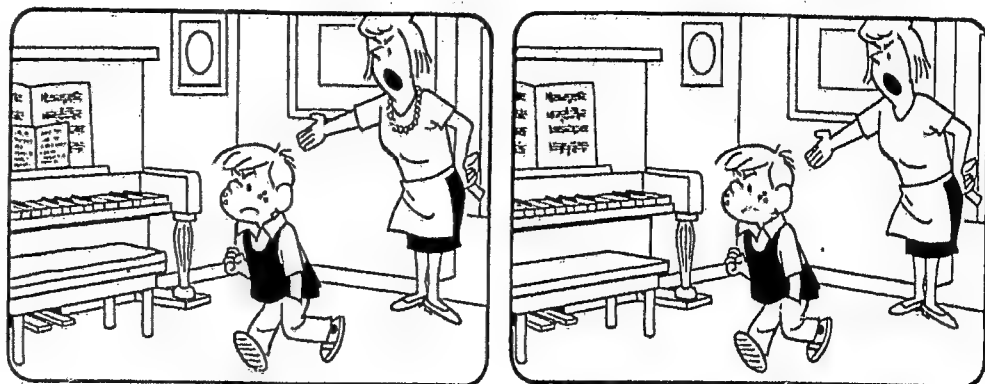
Vision
MADRE

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Songbook is missing. 2. Bench cushion is different. 3. Picture frame is missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Leg is shorter. 6. Bead necklace is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals E

TRGPU Z NZQRGV UJ. VBGVV

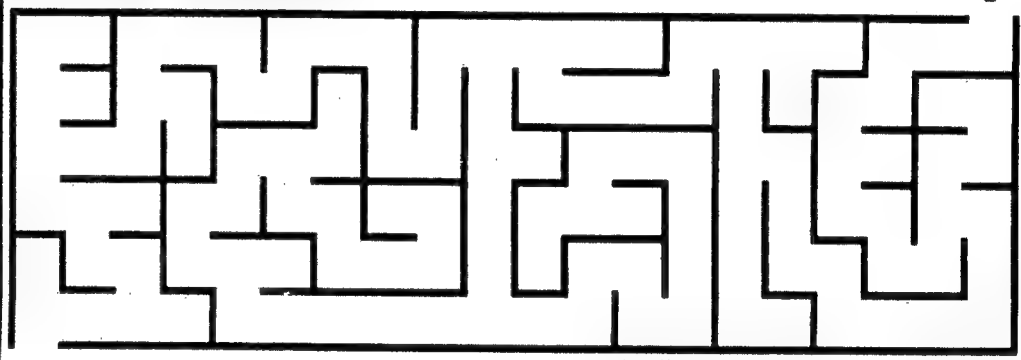
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WB Z SRSZP NJZGU WB EZQBU

VDZQ-O-ZQ?

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Kids' Maze



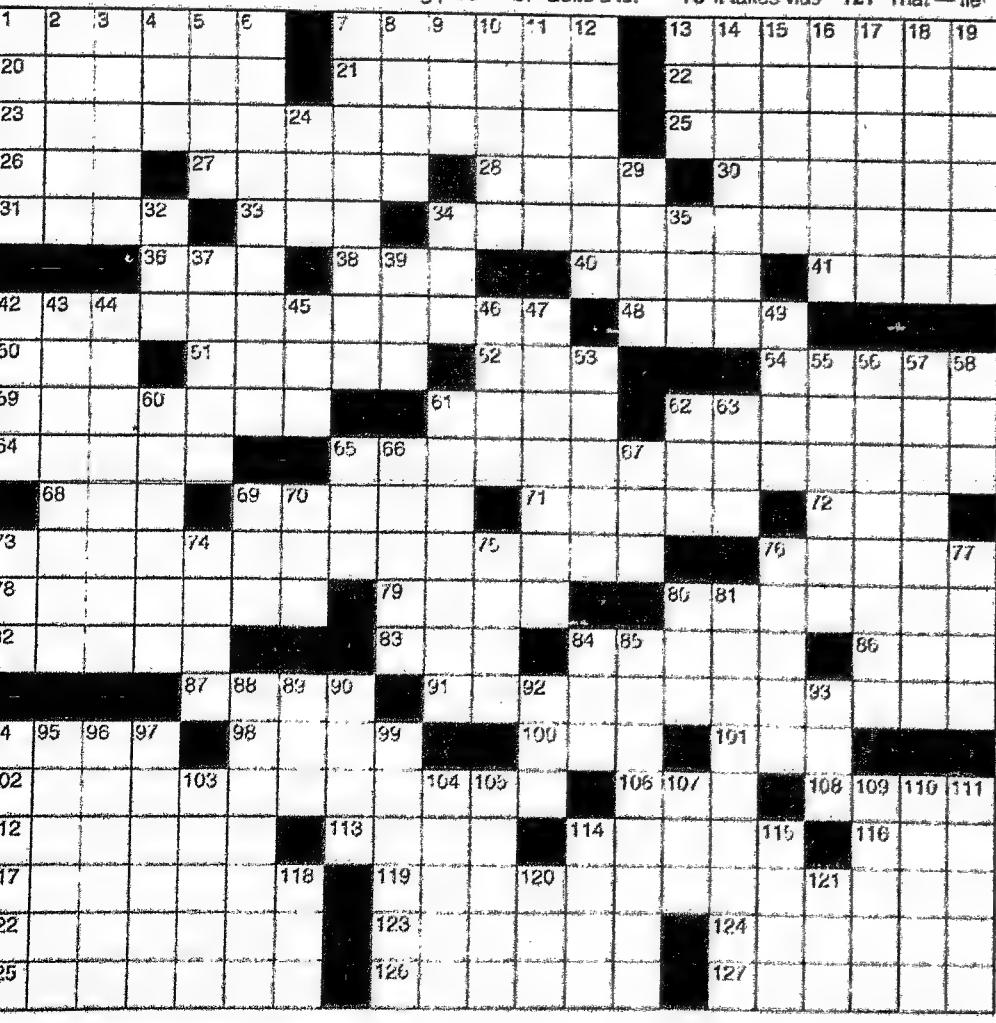
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Super Crossword

THE THIN, THE FLAT, AND THE ROUND

ACROSS

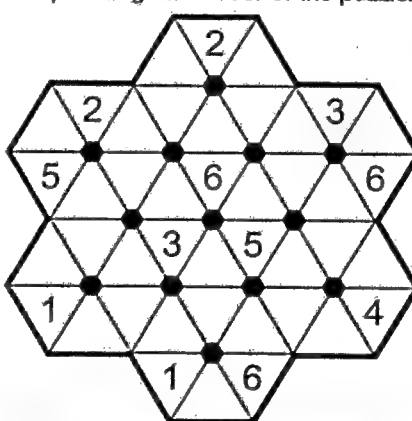
- 1 Reddish-brown pigment
- 7 Nitpicky know-it-all
- 13 Fleet leader
- 20 Instead (of)
- 21 Win over
- 22 Bishop's district
- 23 User's storage component
- 25 Gives approval
- 26 Rock's Brian
- 27 "My true love — see" ("Oh! Susanna" lyric)
- 28 Without, to Jean-Luc
- 30 Shrubby expanses
- 31 Disorder
- 33 NBA'er — Gasol
- 34 Occasion to say "King me"
- 36 Pasty luau food
- 38 Baseball card stat
- 40 — flight (go by jet)
- 41 Zing
- 42 Ship-deck diversion
- 48 Sauce giant
- 50 Brew source
- 51 Hotsy —
- 52 Crown
- 54 Diver's gear
- 59 "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" heroine
- 61 Prefix with dose or ton
- 62 Less lenient
- 64 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" dramatist
- 65 Participant in the sport
- 68 Yellow transport
- 69 Draw — on (take careful aim at)
- 71 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
- 72 Hanoi's home, briefly
- 73 It enables a motonst to stop
- 76 Bog bird
- 78 Nerve
- 79 Brazilian soccer star
- 80 Tending to wear away
- 82 "Hymn, let —"
- 83 Former NBA star Ming
- 84 Spiro who served with Nixon
- 86 False tale
- 87 K-P hookup
- 91 45's place
- 94 "Mickey" singer Basil
- 98 Gives help
- 100 In the style of
- 101 "Try — might ..."
- 102 It includes the sacrum
- 106 Nellie of social reform
- 108 Film-rating org.
- 112 Paris' mother
- 113 Author Jaffe
- 114 He defeated Romney
- 116 Put — (deceptions)
- 117 Like space debris
- 119 Commonality of seven answers in this puzzle
- 122 Turn loose
- 123 Gathering, as bees
- 124 Lie
- 125 Far — sheltered
- 126 Dictation-taking pros
- 127 Mad Hatter's party pieces
- 128 Words to an attack dog
- 2 — ear and out the other
- 3 "St. — Fire"
- 4 Small swig
- 5 Nine, in Nice
- 6 Aviation aid
- 7 Agitates
- 8 Within: Prefix
- 9 Women's patriotic gp.
- 10 Mennonite subgroup
- 11 Bursting stars
- 12 GI's ditch
- 13 "The Piano" pianist
- 14 Kitchen cloth
- 15 Hurdler
- 16 Edwin
- 17 Frigid stretch
- 17 With 65-Down, video store charge
- 18 Allergic affliction
- 19 Decrease
- 24 Special span
- 29 Hershey candy bar
- 32 Tanning lotion stat
- 34 Spy org.
- 35 Cleanup org.
- 37 Quite a lot
- 39 Tarzan's son
- 42 French battle site of '44
- 43 Clair's area
- 44 Newly rich people
- 45 Ordinal suffix
- 46 GPS options: Abbr.
- 47 Wound from a mult
- 49 With 65-Down, charge to log on
- 53 Bel — cheese
- 55 Witches
- 56 In a care/less manner
- 57 Animated film featuring Seinfeld's voice
- 58 JFK landing: Abbr.
- 60 Fumble
- 61 Around June or July
- 62 Sault — Mane
- 63 Your, once
- 65 Sea 17- or 49-Down
- 66 Grating
- 67 Elegant tree
- 69 Smallish batteries
- 70 Bibliophile's love: Abbr.
- 73 It takes vids
- 74 Film holder
- 75 Wild plum
- 76 Wolf cries
- 77 — do-well
- 80 Goal
- 81 Lender's expectation
- 84 Co. that owns Moviefone
- 85 Polpourris
- 88 Discomfort
- 89 Cage of film, informally
- 90 Smell
- 92 Fire
- 93 Goal
- 94 Simple top
- 95 First act
- 96 Kidman of Hollywood
- 97 Accustoms
- 99 Suggest tree-dwellers
- 103 PLO head
- 104 Missed, as a bull's-eye
- 105 Winter
- 107 Loo, briefly
- 109 Mile markers
- 110 Body part below a shin
- 111 Useful thing
- 114 "This is bad!"
- 115 "Zip — Doc-Dah"
- 118 Knight of TV
- 120 Yang go-with
- 121 "That — lie!"



SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



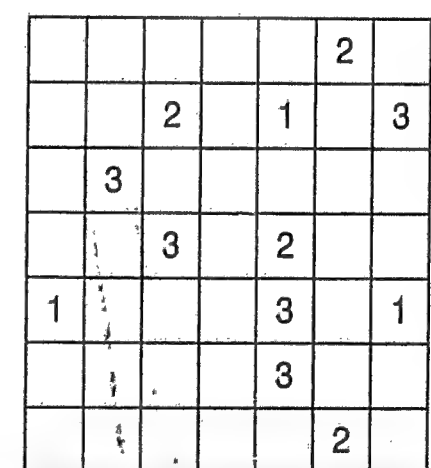
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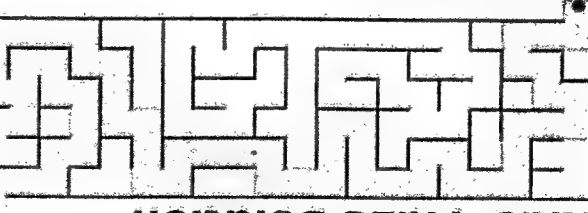
By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



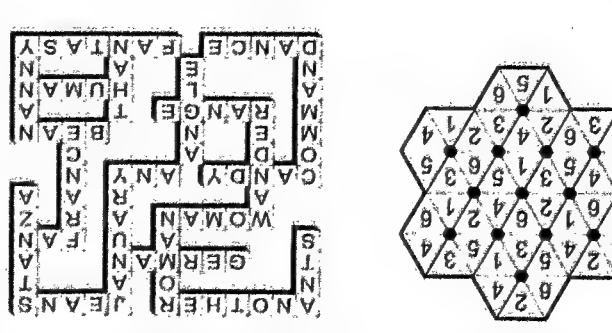
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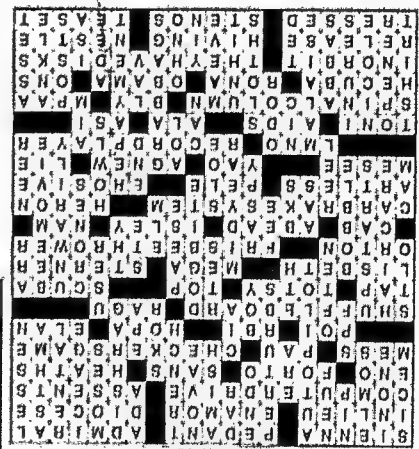


Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
1. Convey; 2. Delight; 3. Super; 4. Dream
Would a famous Dr. Seuss character who is found to be a total fraud be named answer
Sham-I-Am?

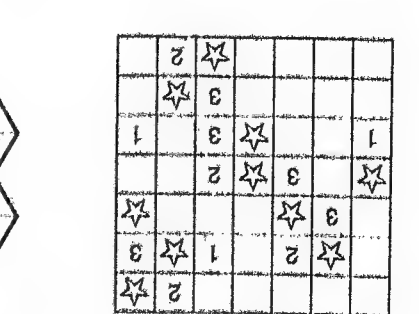


Puzzles4Kids Answer



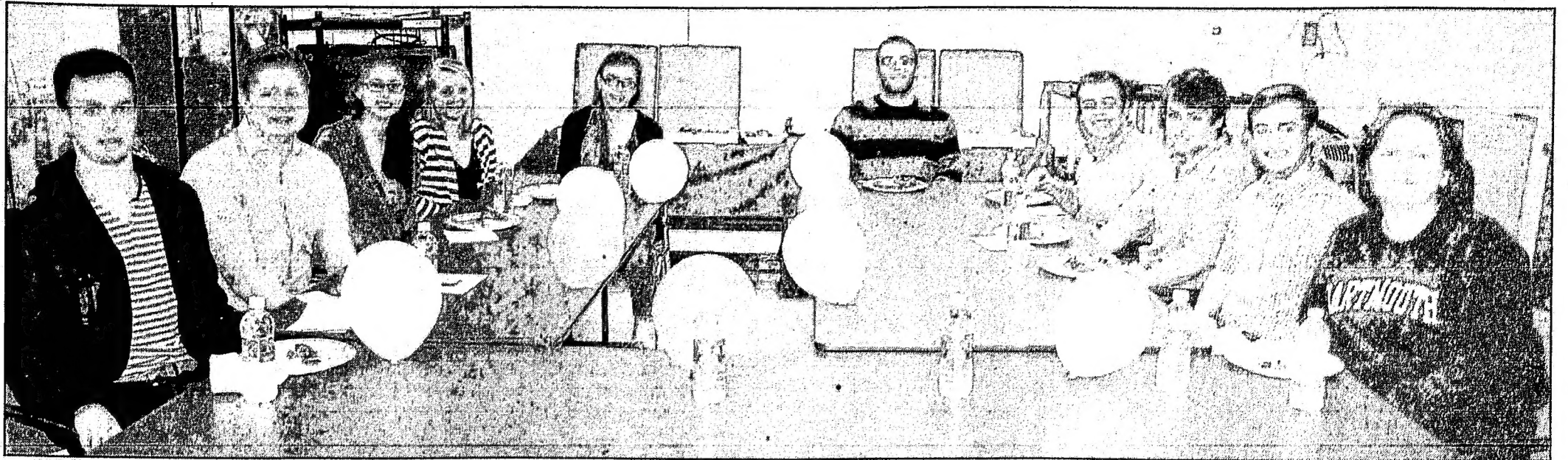
Super Crossword

Answers



Star★Map solution

ANSWERS:



PIZZA FOR TELSTAR'S TOP 10-The top 10 students of the Telstar High School Class of 2015 enjoyed a pizza lunch last week, compliments of Crossroads Diner of Bethel. Pictured are, from left: Gregory Wheeler, Aaron Speakman, Savannah Clough, Anne Cushman, Rebecca-Lynn Tuttle, Zachary Wheeler, Travis Wheeler, Christopher Chappie, Liam Gallagher and Anna Tyrina.

Avalanche dangers in Tuckerman Ravine

Snow Rangers from the US Forest Service Mount Washington Avalanche Center are reminding visitors that, even though the calendar says it is spring, winter weather and snow conditions still have a firm grasp on Mt. Washington. "Late March and early April is a transition time," said Snow Ranger Jeff Lane. "However, this year it seems that winter conditions are holding on longer than they have in re-

cent years." "Usually around the end of March we start seeing more of the spring skier crowd," Lane says. "Slopes finally filled in with snow, the sun higher in the sky, and warmer, longer days can contribute to a more comfortable experience in the ravines." However, the comforts are not without hazard. "We see some of the largest and most destructive avalanches of the season in March and ear-

ly April, and unfortunately, we also see an increase in the number of people traveling in avalanche terrain without the knowledge, skills and equipment to do so safely."

The U.S. Forest Service recommends visitors coming to Tuckerman Ravine or elsewhere on Mt. Washington spend time planning their trip in advance of arriving. This includes reading the daily Avalanche Ad-

visory issued by the Forest Service. If traveling into Tuckerman Ravine when avalanche danger exists, visitors should carry avalanche rescue equipment such as an avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel. Hikers should plan for steep icy slopes, days with poor visibility, and winter wind and temperatures. People without avalanche training and equipment should wait to visit until the snowpack has

had more time to stabilize later in the season.

Avalanche danger is rated daily for Tuckerman and Huntington Ravines throughout the spring. The scale ranges from Low danger (generally safe avalanche conditions; small avalanches in isolated areas or extreme terrain) to Extreme danger (avoid all avalanche terrain; natural and human triggered avalanches are certain.) Most springtime

visitors come when danger is rated Low. Warm days and cold nights eliminate the winter layers within the snowpack and create the soft stable slopes that lure spring skiers. It often only takes a couple consecutive warm days and cold nights to stabilize much of the snowpack in Tuckerman. But Lane warns, "It also only takes one late season snowstorm

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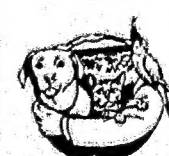
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Obituaries



WAYNE HAKALA

Wayne E. Hakala of Greenwood passed away after a two year battle with cancer. Wayne was born in Norway, Dec. 20, 1944, a son of Stanley E. Hakala and Katherine E. (Morey). He attended Greenwood City School and graduated from West Paris High School and earned an associate's degree from Central Maine Community College.

Wayne met his wife Anita Pierce at a dance at the Locke's Mills Town Hall. They were married Dec. 4, 1965. Wayne joined the United States Air Force in 1965. He served a 12-month tour at Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base during the Vietnam War and he retired in August 1985 as a Master Sergeant in the Civil Engineering Division.

For the past 39 years, Wayne has been a member of the American Legion Posts 150 Mechanic Falls and then Post 68 Locke's Mills. He has served as Post Commander for eight years and Fifth District Commander of Oxford County. Wayne was also active as a past Fire Chief for the Town of Greenwood and past Selectman and Planning Board Member; as well as a member of Jefferson Lodge 100, Bryant Pond.

He is survived by his wife Anita; his brothers Raymond and wife Norreen, South Paris; Stephen and wife Anita, Norway; Timothy and wife Cindy, Harrison; sisters Judith, New Hampshire; and Karen and husband Timothy Hutchison, Norway; brother-in-law Bruce Pierce and wife Arlene, Auburn; six nephews; five nieces; five great-nephews; six great-nieces; plus uncles, aunts,

cousins and many dear friends including "Chief" Al Curtis and wife Roberta; and Doreen and Harold Wilbur. The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude for love and care provided by Beacon Hospice, Dr. Medd, Dr. Benton and nurses, Shelly, Wendy, Bethany, Patty-Ann and Linda at Stephens Memorial Hospital Infusion Room. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Services, starting with Masonic services, will be held Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall Post 68 Locke's Mills. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Stephens Memorial Hospital Oncology Department for the Infusion Room, 181 Main Street, Norway, Maine 04268. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.



GILMAN WHITMAN

Gilman Bertrand Whitman, 88, passed on peacefully on March 17, 2015 at the Veteran's Home in South Paris. He was born in Portsmouth, N.H. on Oct. 26, 1926 to Gerald Bertrand and Jessie Veasey Whitman.

He was at Essex Agricultural Institute in Danvers, Mass. majoring in Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture when he was drafted on his birthday in 1944 but they deferred him for 4 months to finish his course. He graduated at the top of his class.

He was inducted into the Armed Services at Fort Williams and then shipped to Fort Devens in Massachusetts. He had advanced Infantry Training and was

in the South Pacific during World War II. He was the Provost Sergeant in a stockade in Leyte supervising Japanese prisoners of war. He was discharged in 1946.

Gil returned to Maine in the spring of 1947. He worked in the woods and in a saw mill in Bryant Pond. He bought a house in Bryant Pond in 1948 and built a ski tow in 1949. He purchased a store from Ray Langway in Locke's Mills in 1949 and also married Elizabeth Noyes of Locke's Mills that year. They sold the store in 1953.

In 1953 they purchased some land on Route 26 in Bryant Pond and built the Maine Wild Life Den and filled it with animals, birds and reptiles.

He served as Deputy Sheriff of Oxford County serving in the Court Room at South Paris. He served as State Representative in the 99th Legislature in 1958-61. He was majority floor leader for the 100th Legislature.

In the 1960s he was a member of the Balladeers Barber Shop Quartet and they sang throughout the state.

He was Oxford County Agent for the 4-H Clubs and traveled all over the state and enjoyed working with the young people.

He worked as a carpenter, electrician and learned blacksmithing for a few years. Liz was an RN and worked in the hospitals and did private duty. In 1964 they bought a house in Edgecomb and relocated there. He did renovations there and opened The Yankee Craftsman and the Lincoln Forge. One of his first commissions was a very large gate for an ancient cemetery in Bristol.

His first exposure on the international scene was Expo 67 at the World's Fair in Montreal. He had his first one man show in Pittsburgh, Pa. at the International Art Gallery in October 1970.

He did the wrought iron handrails in Wiscasset, many weathervanes, and small bronzes of hockey players. He was commissioned by the Philadelphia Flyers Hockey Team

for a life size reenactment of a goalie scoring called Score. It was outside the Spectrum Stadium in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1976.

He changed the name of his gallery from Yankee Craftsman to Gil Whitman Gallery in 1977 where he displayed his many ornamental sculptures on his lawn.

He did many line sculptures for area churches, chandeliers, lights and 3D relief work. He did the bronze wildflower collection for the blind complete with earphones for descriptions.

He did the Tiger Swallowtail which is now in front of the Whitman Library in Bryant Pond and the final big one, the Candlestick phone at the Remembrance Park in Bryant Pond in 2008. Gil moved back to Bryant Pond in 1998.

He is survived by his nieces, Deb Hays and Sandy Whitman and his nephews, Gerald Bertrand Macaulay and William Arthur Macaulay; grand-nephews, Aaron, David, Jesse and Mathew Macaulay and Michael Albano and grand-niece, Amy Albano.

Gil was a member of Jackson Silver American Legion, Jefferson Chapter Masons and the Locke Mills Union Church.

A Memorial Service will be held on Sat., May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church in Greenwood. Donations may be made to the Whitman Library in Bryant Pond, Maine 04219 or the Remembrance Park, Town Office, Bryant Pond, Maine 04219. Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Condolences can be expressed at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

BENT TAYLOR

Ben Taylor of Bethel and Hartford was pronounced dead on the mountain on the double black diamond trail "Black Hole" as a result of injuries sustained while skiing at Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry on March 25, 2015. Ben was an expert level skier and an employee of the resort since 2012 in the retail,

rental and marketing and sales departments.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa. on Aug. 1, 1979, Ben grew up in Pawling, N.Y., on the campus of the Trinity-Pawling School, a boarding school where his parents lived and worked. He spent his summers at the family camp on Canton Lake developing a love of the outdoors, hiking and canoeing as well as playing baseball on all levels for local Maine teams: Canton Little League, Northern Voyagers American Legion (Rumford), and the Pine Tree League team of the "Westies" of West Paris. Summer 2014 saw him help the softball team sponsored by LaFleur's Restaurant of Jay win the championship.

Ben was a standout scholar-athlete at Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, N.Y., graduating cum laude in 1998. He earned academic honors, was a member of championship basketball teams, and received individual honors as a baseball player.

He attended the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, majoring in Psychology and receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in 2002. Ben, as a starting player on the baseball team was a multi-talented player and saw time in the outfield and all positions in the infield before settling in as a first baseman. During Ben's tenure at Hopkins, the team won two Centennial Conference championships and received an invitation to the NCAA Division III post season baseball tournament in 2001 and 2002.

After graduating from college, Ben worked at the University of Cincinnati, Institute of Research and for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) before entering a lifelong career in golf management and teaching. After working several years in Metro D.C., he settled in Maine in 2012 working first as a golf instructor at Camp Skylemar in Naples. In fall 2012 he was employed by Harris Golf at Sunday River Golf Club in Newry becoming Assistant General Manager in 2013 and then being promoted to take the reins as General Manager and Golf Professional at Wilson Lake Country Club in Wilton in 2014.

Ben will be remembered as an outgoing, thoughtful, compassionate person and a loving uncle. He looked for the best in others and gave the best he had whether he was teaching a novice golfer, playing baseball or softball, or fitting a skier with the right equipment.

He is survived by his mother and father John and Margaret Taylor of Hartford and his brother William Taylor of Pawling, N.Y. A private memorial service is planned. The family may be reached at taylormargaret74@gmail.com.

Births

MEADER-BUCK

Allen Buck and Caeri Meader of Albany are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Avery-Jae Brenner Meader-Buck, born on March 15, 2015 at 5:11 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds.

Maternal grandmother is Wendy A. Meader of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Pamela and Leo Buck of Albany.

Avery-Jae joins a brother, Broedy Louis-Jamez Meader, age 2 1/4.

SAVAGE

Allen Savage and Kathleen Young of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Keegan Leigh Savage, born on March 19, 2015 at 7:47 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Randy Young and Wendy Young of Buckfield.

Paternal grandparents are Keith Savage, Sr. and Penny Savage of Greenwood.

Keegan joins a sister, Alana, age 3.

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for avalanche danger to rise back up to dangerous levels." Snow Rangers frequently remind people of the meaning behind Moderate danger. Across North America Moderate is defined as "Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features. Evaluate snow and terrain carefully; identify features of concern." The likelihood of avalanches at Moderate is "Natural avalanches unlikely, human triggered avalanches possible."

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your own mind. Don't assume that the person who put the tracks chose a safe route or that they're going to act safely if they're still above you."

Please visit the <http://www.mountwashingtonavalanchecenter.org> for the latest avalanche advisory. For more information about the White Mountain National Forest, please visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/whitemountain>.

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